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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the Boy Scouts of America for
3 its distinguished service to Florida and the nation.

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5 WHEREAS, the Scouting movement was founded in England in
6 1907 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, a military hero and expert on
7 wilderness survival who wrote a nature skills manual entitled
8 "Scouting for Boys," and today serves more than 30 million
9 Scouts and their leaders in 155 countries around the globe, and

10 WHEREAS, a group of American visionaries led by William D.
11 Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on February
12 8, 1910, in Washington, D.C.; the United States Congress granted
13 a federal charter to the BSA on June 15, 1916; and through its
14 programs, policies, and standards, the organization continues to
15 enthusiastically inspire and promote ethical principles, moral
16 values, and civic virtue in the youth of America, and

17 WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to
18 prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices by
19 teaching the timeless values enshrined in the Scout Oath and the
20 Scout Law, including the commitment to do their duty to God and
21 their country and to keep themselves physically strong, mentally
22 awake, and morally straight, and

23 WHEREAS, the nine Boy Scout councils serving the State of
24 Florida, the Central Florida, Gulf Coast, Gulf Stream, Gulf
25 Ridge, North Florida, South Florida, Southwest Florida, Suwannee
26 River Area, and West Central Florida Councils, serve hundreds of
27 thousands of young Floridians between the ages of 7 and 20 in

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28 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and Exploring and Learning
29 for Life programs, and

30 WHEREAS, Scouting programs emphasize character development
31 by affording young people unique and increasing opportunities to
32 exercise leadership and responsibility and by the direct example
33 of cheerful service provided by thousands of volunteer adult
34 leaders, and

35 WHEREAS, Scouts nationwide, through the 2012 Journey to
36 Excellence, contributed 13,449,017 community service hours, and
37 Scouts and their leaders provided \$293 million of service to
38 communities across America through projects such as Scouting for
39 Food, Good Turn for America, Habitat for Humanity, Litter
40 Cleanup, Community Beautification, Armed Forces Appreciation,
41 and other unit and individual service projects, and

42 WHEREAS, numerous NASA astronauts, United States Military
43 Academy (West Point) cadets, United States Air Force Academy
44 cadets, United States Naval Academy (Annapolis) midshipmen,
45 members of the 112th United States Congress, and current State
46 Governors participated in Scouting as youths, many of whom
47 earned Scouting's pinnacle of achievement, the prestigious rank
48 of Eagle Scout, and

49 WHEREAS, as one of the nation's largest and most prominent
50 values-based youth development organizations, the Boy Scouts of
51 America enjoys a sustained record of proven success in producing
52 leaders for both Florida and the United States who are
53 trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
54 obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent, NOW,
55 THEREFORE,

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57 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
58 Florida:

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60 That in recognition of the 103rd anniversary of the Boy
61 Scouts of America, the Florida councils of the Boy Scouts of
62 America are commended for their service to the youth and
63 citizens of the State of Florida.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
65 presented to the Scout executive of each Florida council of the
66 Boy Scouts of America as a tangible token of the sentiments
67 expressed herein.