

By Senator Thompson

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1 Senate 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 Scout Movement was founded in England in 1907  
6 by Lord Robert Stephenson Baden-Powell, a military hero and  
7 expert on wilderness survival who wrote a nature skills manual  
8 entitled "Scouting for Boys," and today serves more than 40  
9 million Scouts and their leaders in 161 countries around the  
10 globe, and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, nine Boy Scout councils in this state - Central  
25 Florida, Gulf Coast, Gulf Stream, Gulf Ridge, North Florida,  
26 South Florida, Southwest Florida, Suwannee River Area, and West  
27 Central Florida - serve hundreds of thousands of young  
28 Floridians between the ages of 7 and 20 in Cub Scouts, Boy  
29 Scouts, Venturing, and Exploring and Learning for Life programs,

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30 and

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

36 WHEREAS, in 2013, Scouts nationwide contributed more than  
37 17 million community service hours, and Scouts and their leaders  
38 provided more than \$377 million of service to communities across  
39 America through such projects as Scouting for Food, Good Turn  
40 for America, Habitat for Humanity, Litter Cleanup, Community  
41 Beautification, Military Appreciation Month, and other unit and  
42 individual service projects, and

43 WHEREAS, numerous NASA astronauts, United States Military  
44 Academy cadets, United States Air Force Academy cadets, United  
45 States Naval Academy midshipmen, members of the 114th United  
46 States Congress, and current state governors participated in  
47 Scouting as youths, many of whom earned Scouting's pinnacle of  
48 achievement, the prestigious rank 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 this state 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 Senate of the State of Florida:

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59           That in recognition of the 105th anniversary of the Boy  
60 Scouts of America, the Florida councils of the Boy Scouts of  
61 America are commended for their service to the youth and  
62 citizens of this state.

63           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
64 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the Scouting  
65 executive of each Florida council of the Boy Scouts of America  
66 as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.