

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30529-LG-265 (06/09)

Sponsors: Representatives Dollar, Wainwright, Folwell, and Stewart (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
2 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

3 Whereas, Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, by William
4 Boyce, a Chicago publisher who modeled the organization on the Boy Scouts Association that
5 was established in England in 1908; and

6 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America was established to provide an educational
7 program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of
8 participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

9 Whereas, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met to develop
10 organization plans for the Boy Scouts of America and opened a temporary national
11 headquarters in New York; and

12 Whereas, in 1911, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, badges, and fundamental policies
13 were adopted and the first Boy Scout Handbook was published; and

14 Whereas, by 1912, boy scouts were enrolled in every state in the nation; and

15 Whereas, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter on June 15,
16 1916; and

17 Whereas, in 1925, membership in the Boy Scouts of America reached more than
18 one million; and

19 Whereas, in 1930, the Cub Scout program began and by the end of that year had
20 registered 5,102 members; and

21 Whereas, local Boy Scout Councils commit each boy scout to perform at least 12
22 hours of community service each year, which equals about 30 million community service hours
23 annually; and

24 Whereas, in 2009, over 2.8 million Boy Scouts participated in more than 36 million
25 service hours, totaling almost \$7.6 million of service to communities across the nation; and

26 Whereas, some of the scouting service projects reported in 2009 included food
27 collection and distribution, litter cleanup and community beautification, conservation projects,
28 serving food at shelters, and military support and appreciation; and

29 Whereas, more than 1.1 million adult volunteers provided leadership for scouting
30 programs in 2009, resulting in more than \$5.6 million of volunteer time; and

31 Whereas, since 1910, more than 111 million young men have been members of the
32 Boy Scouts of America; and

33 Whereas, as of 2009, alumni of the Boy Scouts of America who participated as a
34 youth or adult leader included over 180 astronauts, a large percentage of the United States
35 military cadets, and more than 200 members of the 111th Congress; and



1 Whereas, from 1910 to 2009 boy scouts earned more than 17,649,303 merit badges,
2 including over 6.5 million for first aid, over 5.9 million for swimming, over 4.3 million for
3 camping, and 3.1 million for citizenship in the community; and

4 Whereas, between 1912 and 2009 more than two million Boy Scouts earned the
5 rank of Eagle Scout; and

6 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is observing its 100th anniversary in 2010 and
7 plans to highlight this historic occasion through a series of yearlong events and activities; Now,
8 therefore,

9 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

10 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of William Boyce for his
11 role in helping to establish the Boy Scouts of America and joins the Boy Scouts of America in
12 celebrating its 100th anniversary.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
14 resolution to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America and the office of each Boy
15 Scout Council in North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.