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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 30, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Boy Scouts of America on the centennial anniversary
2 of the organization's founding.

3 WHEREAS, In 1907, General Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded
4 the scouting movement in England seeking to teach vital skills
5 and positive values to youth; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1909, Chicago newspaper publisher W.D. Boyce was
7 visiting London, England, when he became lost in the fog; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Boyce was assisted by a young scout in finding
9 his way, thus learning of the scouting movement; and

10 WHEREAS, Impressed by this incident, Mr. Boyce returned from

1 England and incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on
2 February 8, 1910; and

3 WHEREAS, The BSA seeks to instill in its members the values
4 of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness,
5 courteousness, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness,
6 bravery, cleanliness and reverence; and

7 WHEREAS, Through participation in numerous outdoor activities
8 and educational programs, the BSA trains youth in responsible
9 citizenship, character development and self-reliance; and

10 WHEREAS, The BSA is the largest youth organization in the
11 United States, with more than 3 million members and more than
12 110 million Americans having served as BSA members since its
13 founding; and

14 WHEREAS, Countless prominent leaders in various fields of
15 endeavor have credited the skills and values they learned in
16 scouting as helping to shape them for success; and

17 WHEREAS, February 8, 2010, marks the 100th anniversary of the
18 founding of the BSA; and

19 WHEREAS, The BSA will be honoring the theme of "Celebrating
20 the Adventure, Continuing the Journey"; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
22 Boy Scouts of America on celebrating the centennial anniversary
23 of its founding and commend the organization for its many
24 contributions to the young lives of successful American
25 citizens.