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99th Congress

Joint Resolution

Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

July 3, 1985

[H.J. Res. 159]

- Whereas the Boy Scouts of America is our Nation's largest organization for young people and has served our Nation's youth since the founding of the organization in 1910;
- Whereas more than 70 million people have benefited from membership in this highly regarded youth organization, and millions more have benefited from the service, inspiration, and leadership provided by the Boy Scouts;
- Whereas Scouting builds character and fitness, teaches good citizenship skills, and provides leadership development opportunities for all young people regardless of their race, religion, or socioeconomic background;
- Whereas the Boy Scouts encourages conservation of natural resources through environmental awareness;
- Whereas the Boy Scouts has remained true to its original values and purposes as outlined in its Federal charter, while also demonstrating its ability to be innovative;
- Whereas the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Slogan, and Scout Motto, which express the essential principles of Scouting, are the same now as they were in 1910;
- Whereas Scouting is supported by religious, civic, educational, fraternal, and community organizations, and is encouraged by the continued commitment of such organizations to its values, ideals, and traditions;
- Whereas the Boy Scouts of America is moving into the future with even greater emphasis on personal ethics, values, and the importance of the family;
- Whereas many Members of Congress have participated in the Boy Scouts, including some who have become Eagle Scouts; and
- Whereas the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America provides an opportunity to recognize the contribution of the organization to the improvement of our Nation's youth and to congratulate and commend the volunteer adult leaders who make the Boy Scouts possible: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the year 1985 is designated as the "75th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved July 3, 1985.

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