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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 5, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Boy Scouts of America on the 103rd anniversary of
2 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
11 England and incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) on
12 February 8, 1910; and

13 WHEREAS, The BSA seeks to instill in its members the values
14 of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness,
15 courteousness, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness,

1 bravery, cleanliness and reverence; and

2 WHEREAS, Through participation in numerous outdoor activities
3 and educational programs, the BSA trains youth in responsible
4 citizenship, character development and self-reliance; and

5 WHEREAS, The BSA is the largest youth organization in the
6 United States, with nearly 3 million members and more than 110
7 million Americans having served as BSA members since its
8 founding; and

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

12 WHEREAS, February 8, 2013, marks the 103rd anniversary of the
13 founding of the BSA; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
15 Boy Scouts of America on celebrating the 103rd anniversary of
16 its founding and commend the organization for its many
17 contributions to the young lives of successful American
18 citizens.