

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 425

Introduced by Avery, 28.

WHEREAS, Troop 16 of the Boy Scouts of America in Lincoln, Nebraska, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on April 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 1914, Southview Christian Church at 22nd & South Streets in Lincoln took out a charter to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 16; and

WHEREAS, the sponsorship of Troop 16 by Southview Christian Church represents the longest consecutive charter in the Cornhusker Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhusker Council provides scouting services to over 11,000 youth in southeast Nebraska, including the counties of Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, Richardson, Gage, Jefferson, Thayer, Saline, Fillmore, Seward, York, Polk, and Butler; and

WHEREAS, Troop 16 has a rather unique record in that there have only been ten scoutmasters since original inception: Bruce Yoho, Ward Betzer, Howard Wilbur, Kenneth Alles, Barney McLaughlin, Jim Hedrick, John Mahaney, John Salistean, Eric Schoen, and Ron Souliere; and

WHEREAS, Troop 16 has produced more than sixty Eagle Scouts which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts. The title is held for life, thus giving rise to the saying: "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young boys to make ethical and moral choices in their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the scout oath and law; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Troop 16 is to offer responsible fun and adventure, instill lifetime values, develop ethical character, provide training in citizenship, service, and leadership, and serve America's communities and families through its quality, value-based program; and

WHEREAS, Troop 16 has produced many young men who have demonstrated charisma, personal integrity, and high moral and ethical character and who have become community and business leaders in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Southview Christian Church and Boy Scout Troop 16 of Lincoln on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Troop 16.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Southview Christian Church and Boy Scout Troop 16.