

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Supporting the designation of a “Boy Scouts of America Day” in celebration of its 114th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of a “Boy Scouts of America Day” in celebration of its 114th anniversary.

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated by Chicago publisher, William Boyce, on February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scouting movement during a visit to London;

Whereas, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters in New York;

Whereas the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach America’s youth self-reliance, character, ethical decisionmaking, and civic leadership through adherence to the Scout Oath and Law;

Whereas, by 1912, Scouts were enrolled in every State;

Whereas the first Eagle Scout Award was earned in 1912, and more than 2,722,000 youth have earned the Eagle Scout Award since;

Whereas nearly 29,000 young men and women earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2023;

Whereas, in 1916, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a Federal charter;

Whereas there are more than 1,000,000 youth currently enrolled in Scouting who helped contribute more than 7,100,000 service hours in 2023, helping to build stronger communities across the country;

Whereas more than 628,000 adult volunteer leaders serve young people in their communities through religious, civic, and other organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America;

Whereas the men and women involved in Scouting often neither seek nor receive the thanks of the public for their contribution to the future of our country;

Whereas February 8, 2024, would be an appropriate day to designate as “Boy Scouts of America Day” in celebration of the 114th anniversary of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit, have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness, have personal values based on religious and spiritual concepts, have the desire and skills to help others, understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems, take pride in their American heritage and understand our Nation’s role in

the world, have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the designation of a “Boy Scouts of America Day” in cele-
- 3 bration of the 114th anniversary of the incorporation of
- 4 the Boy Scouts of America.