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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the Boy Scouts of  
4 America on the occasion of the organization's 100th  
5 anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on  
7 February 8, 1910, under the laws of the District of Columbia;  
8 initial meetings brought together 34 national representatives  
9 of boys' work agencies; the Founders of Scouting included  
10 former presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to  
13 prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over  
14 their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout  
15 Oath and Law; and

16           WHEREAS, Since its founding, the Boy Scouts of America has  
17 helped build the future leaders of this country by combining  
18 educational activities and lifelong values with fun; the  
19 organization believes that helping youth is a key to building a  
20 more conscientious, responsible, and productive society; and

21           WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America boasts over half of all

1 active U.S. astronauts, one-third of all active military, and  
2 over 200 members of the 111th Congress as Scouting alumni or  
3 volunteers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America played a critical role  
5 in the U.S. domestic war effort during the two world wars,  
6 selling millions of war bonds, aiding in food and fuel  
7 conservation projects, conducting defense housing surveys, and  
8 assisting emergency medical units; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has developed an  
10 outstanding record of service, reporting over 35 million  
11 service hours in 2008 in the areas of food collection and  
12 distribution, litter cleanup and community beautification,  
13 conservation projects, food service at shelters, and military  
14 support and appreciation; and

15 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America serves nearly 4.7  
16 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more  
17 than 300 councils throughout the United States and its  
18 territories; and

19 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has benefited from  
20 millions of volunteers who have provided leadership for  
21 Scouting programs over the last 100 years; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate the past, present, and future members of the Boy  
4           Scouts of America on the occasion of the organization's 100th  
5           anniversary celebration as one of the nation's foremost youth  
6           programs for character development and values-based leadership  
7           training; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of  
10          America as a symbol of our esteem and respect.