

SENATE RESOLUTION
8624

By Senators Benton, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Hatfield

1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have marked the closing of
2 their 105th year of service to America on February 8th, and will
3 continue serving to their communities; and

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

7 WHEREAS, The Scouting program has maintained a strong ethical
8 standard among every community of which the program has influence;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Through the Boy Scouts of America, programs such as the
11 Venturing and Varsity Crew, Sea Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Order of the
12 Arrow have received outstanding recognition for the training and life
13 experiences taught to our young scouts, exemplifying commitment and
14 dedication to their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2013 alone, the Boy Scouts of America program
16 reported over 17 million service hours for Journey to Excellence
17 across the nation in areas such as food collection and distribution,
18 litter cleanup and community beautification, conservation projects,
19 serving food at shelters, fun runs and hikes, and military support
20 and appreciation; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2013 over one million volunteers gave of their time
22 assuming leadership positions for various Scouting programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts of America and
24 decorated military leader, is recognized for his sincere devotion and
25 countless hours of service to the preservation of America and the
26 exceptional success of the Boy Scouts of America program; and

27 WHEREAS, Since 1910, more than 100 million citizens have become
28 registered members; and

29 WHEREAS, 2.7 million scouts have served and worked diligently in
30 their communities to receive the high honor and prestigious award of
31 Eagle Scout;

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That after 105 years of service,
33 it is with great respect that the Washington State Senate honor and
34 recognize the service, character, and strong ethical standing that

1 the Boy Scouts of America have exemplified within our state,
2 nation, and throughout the world; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
4 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
5 National Boy Scouts of America office, the National Director of
6 the Boy Scouts of America, and the Boy Scouts of America
7 Councils in Washington: Chief Seattle Council, Pacific Harbors
8 Council, Mount Baker Council, Grand Columbia Council, Blue
9 Mountain Council, and Inland Northwest Council.

10 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
11 do hereby certify that this is a true and
12 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8624,
13 adopted by the Senate
14 February 27, 2015

15 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
16 Secretary of the Senate