

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4613, by Representatives Barkis, Connors, Stuebe, Steele, Dufault, Taylor, Waters, Zahn, Barnard, Leavitt, Eslick, Parshley, Low, Klicker, Richards, Bronoske, Orcutt, Bernbaum, Salahuddin, Ryu, Marshall, and Reed

1 WHEREAS, On February 8, 2025, the Boy Scouts of America will
2 celebrate 115 years of service to shaping the lives of young people
3 by providing a positive, values-driven environment for growth,
4 leadership, and community service; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1910, Scouting has instilled in
6 over 130 million youth a strong sense of duty, citizenship, and
7 respect for others, empowering them to become active, responsible,
8 and ethical members of society; and

9 WHEREAS, Scouting's history provides a rich legacy of acts of
10 service in times of war, peace, and disaster to others, local
11 communities, and our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Scouting's Eagle Scouts have gone on to key roles in
13 military service, government, aerospace and space exploration,
14 business, sports, entertainment, and elected office; contributing
15 greatly to our nation's success and prosperity; and

16 WHEREAS, Scouting's commitment to character development, physical
17 fitness, environmental stewardship, and community involvement has
18 enriched countless lives throughout the state of Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, Scouting facilitates programs annually in the state of
20 Washington to more than 20,000 youth members, encourages hundreds of
21 thousands of nights of outdoor camping, provides over half a million
22 hours of community service, and recognizes thousands of young people
23 with the highest rank of Scouting, Eagle Scout; and

1 WHEREAS, As part of its evolution and continued dedication to
2 serving all youth across the nation, the Boy Scouts of America has
3 embraced a new name, "Scouting America," to reflect its broad vision
4 for the future of youth development; and

5 WHEREAS, Scouting America's mission remains steadfast in
6 inspiring, preparing, and empowering young people from all
7 backgrounds to become leaders of tomorrow through exciting, hands-on
8 experiences and lifelong friendships; and

9 WHEREAS, The state of Washington proudly acknowledges the ongoing
10 contributions of the Pacific Harbors, Chief Seattle, Blue Mountain,
11 Mount Baker, and Cascade Pacific Councils of Scouting America in our
12 communities, from promoting volunteerism to offering a wide range of
13 programs that teach values, develop practical skills, and foster
14 teamwork among young people of all ages;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House
16 of Representatives join in celebrating this significant milestone and
17 recognize the positive impact that Scouting America continues to make
18 on the lives of individuals, families, and communities across the
19 state of Washington.

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