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4 HJR____ HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION ON
5 ITS 113TH ANNIVERSARY AND FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America Organization was
8 incorporated by Chicago publisher, William Boyce, on
9 February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scouting movement
10 during a visit to London; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is
15 to teach America's youth self-reliance, character, ethical
16 decision-making, and civic leadership through adherence to
17 the Scout Oath and Law; and

18 WHEREAS, by 1912, Scouts were enrolled in every
19 state; and

20 WHEREAS, the first Eagle Scout Award was earned in
21 1912, and more than 2,722,000 youth have earned the Eagle
22 Scout Award since; and

23 WHEREAS, 35,342 young men and women earned the rank
24 of Eagle Scout in 2022; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of

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26 America a Federal charter; and

27 WHEREAS, in 2023, there are more than 1,042,000 youth
28 currently enrolled and more than 17,000,000 living alumni
29 across the United States; and

30 WHEREAS, each individual Scout, unit, and local
31 council commits to performing community service yearly,
32 totaling more than 17,700,000 community service hours in
33 2022; and

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

38 WHEREAS, the men and women involved in Scouting often
39 neither seek nor receive the thanks of the public for their
40 contribution to the future of our country; and

41 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to
42 develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and
43 emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as
44 evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and
45 resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious and
46 spiritual concepts; have the desire and skills to help
47 others; understand the principles of American social,
48 economic, and governmental systems; take pride in their
49 American heritage and understand our nation's role in the
50 world; have a keen respect for the rights of all people; and



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51 are prepared to participate in and provide leadership to
52 American society; now therefore,

53 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
54 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the Boy
55 Scouts of America Organization on its 113th Anniversary, as
56 well as highly commend the remarkable organization for its
57 acts of service and numerous achievements.