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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 1916, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of



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America a Federal charter; and

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

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

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; and

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; 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 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 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.