

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 94

Introduced by Assembly Member Morrell

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 94—Relative to Boy Scouts of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 94, as introduced, Morrell. Boy Scouts of America.

This measure would congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on its 102nd anniversary, and acknowledge and recognize its accomplishments and the positive effect that it has had on the lives of youth.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was inspired and
2 modeled on the Boy Scouts Association, established by Lord
3 Baden-Powell in the United Kingdom in 1908; and

4 WHEREAS, William D. Boyce, an American newspaper man,
5 with Edward S. Stewart and Stanley D. Willis, incorporated the
6 Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, and applied for a
7 federal charter; and

8 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest
9 youth organizations in the United States, with over four million
10 current and active youth members; and

11 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America's goal is to train youth
12 in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance
13 through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities,
14 educational programs, and career-oriented programs in partnership
15 with community organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America first served as crowd
2 control for the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1913,
3 and have served at every inauguration since in some ceremonial
4 role; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1912, following the success of the Boy Scouts
6 of America program, the Girl Scouts of the United States of
7 America was founded on the same scouting principles developed
8 by Lord Baden-Powell to promote the social welfare of young
9 women during the progressive movement and serving in
10 complement to the Boy Scouts of America; and

11 WHEREAS, During the Great War, scouts were used as message
12 runners, coast watchers, and in other vital service roles, as well as
13 to collect countless tons of scrap metal and other natural resources
14 that could be recycled and put to use in America's factories; and

15 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, President Franklin
16 D. Roosevelt encouraged scouts to do their part by providing
17 services to assist relief agencies, and to have scout leaders provide
18 training for the Civilian Conservation Corps; and

19 WHEREAS, Scouting is operated locally through units
20 sponsored by churches, clubs, civic associations, educational
21 organizations and the like, which furthers their mission to give
22 back to their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Units of scouting are led entirely by volunteers;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, In addition to nostalgic memories of campfires
26 kindling friendships, prominent leaders in all fields of endeavor
27 have credited the skills they learned in scouting as helping mold
28 them into successful citizens; and

29 WHEREAS, Over two-thirds of all astronauts had some type
30 of involvement in scouting, and 11 of the 12 men to walk on the
31 Moon were Boy Scouts, including Eagle Scouts Neil Armstrong
32 and Charlie Duke; and

33 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford stated, "I can say without
34 hesitation, because of Scouting principles, I know I was a better
35 athlete, I was a better naval officer, I was a better Congressman,
36 and I was a better prepared President;" and

37 WHEREAS, Scouts have been urged to "Do a Good Turn Daily"
38 from the inception of the scouting movement; and

39 WHEREAS, Scouting for Food is an ongoing annual program,
40 started in 1986, that collects food for local food banks; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Boy Scouts of America developed
2 Service to America, with a commitment to provide 200 million
3 hours of service by youth members by the end of the year 2000,
4 which included service projects with the National Park Service;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The achievements and contributions of the scouting
7 program are possible only through the dedicated service hours of
8 California's youth, and it is through their leadership, and the efforts
9 of all scouting volunteers and families, that California's future will
10 continue to flourish; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Boy Scouts of America honored its
12 two-millionth Eagle Scout; and

13 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America centennial logo was
14 created by Philip Goolkasian, an Eagle Scout from Fresno,
15 California; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Mint issued 350,000 Boy Scouts
17 of America Silver Dollar Centennial Commemorative Coins; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service released the
19 Celebrate Scouting commemorative stamp; and

20 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America,
21 for the first time in its history, entered a float commemorating its
22 100th anniversary for the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade
23 held in Pasadena, California; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby recognize,
26 congratulate, and commend the Boy Scouts of America on its
27 102nd anniversary; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature acknowledges that the Boy Scouts
29 of America have provided a strong program for youth for 102
30 years, and commends the Boy Scouts of America for its
31 accomplishments and the lives positively affected by scouting;
32 and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall produce
34 and distribute to all Members of the Legislature sufficient copies
35 of this resolution such that Members may present them to local
36 Scouting Councils and Troops as a memento of the 102nd
37 anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

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