

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2009**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2010-24**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2078**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

Whereas, Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, by William Boyce, a Chicago publisher who modeled the organization on the Boy Scouts Association that was established in England in 1908; and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America was established to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

Whereas, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met to develop organization plans for the Boy Scouts of America and opened a temporary national headquarters in New York; and

Whereas, in 1911, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, badges, and fundamental policies were adopted and the first Boy Scout Handbook was published; and

Whereas, by 1912, boy scouts were enrolled in every state in the nation; and

Whereas, Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter on June 15, 1916; and

Whereas, in 1925, membership in the Boy Scouts of America reached more than one million; and

Whereas, in 1930, the Cub Scout program began and by the end of that year had registered 5,102 members; and

Whereas, local Boy Scout Councils commit each boy scout to perform at least 12 hours of community service each year, which equals about 30 million community service hours annually; and

Whereas, in 2009, over 2.8 million Boy Scouts participated in more than 36 million service hours, totaling almost \$7.6 million of service to communities across the nation; and

Whereas, some of the scouting service projects reported in 2009 included food collection and distribution, litter cleanup and community beautification, conservation projects, serving food at shelters, and military support and appreciation; and

Whereas, more than 1.1 million adult volunteers provided leadership for scouting programs in 2009, resulting in more than \$5.6 million of volunteer time; and

Whereas, since 1910, more than 111 million young men have been members of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, as of 2009, alumni of the Boy Scouts of America who participated as a youth or adult leader included over 180 astronauts, a large percentage of the United States military cadets, and more than 200 members of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

Whereas, from 1910 to 2009 boy scouts earned more than 17,649,303 merit badges, including over 6.5 million for first aid, over 5.9 million for swimming, over 4.3 million for camping, and 3.1 million for citizenship in the community; and

Whereas, between 1912 and 2009 more than two million Boy Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is observing its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010 and plans to highlight this historic occasion through a series of yearlong events and activities; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:



**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of William Boyce for his role in helping to establish the Boy Scouts of America and joins the Boy Scouts of America in celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America and the office of each Boy Scout Council in North Carolina.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives