

Reps. Miller, Elsenheimer, Bolger, Mayes, Schuitmaker, Agema, Barnett, Booher, Lisa Brown, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Caul, Clemente, Constan, Corriveau, Crawford, Daley, Dean, Denby, DeShazor, Durhal, Espinoza, Geiss, Green, Gregory, Griffin, Haase, Haines, Hansen, Haugh, Haveman, Horn, Huckleberry, Rick Jones, Kandrevas, Knollenberg, Kowall, Kurtz, Lahti, LeBlanc, Lipton, Lori, Lund, Marleau, McDowell, McMillin, Meekhof, Meltzer, Moss, Nathan, Neumann, Opsommer, Pavlov, Pearce, Polidori, Proos, Roberts, Rocca, Rogers, Roy Schmidt, Wayne Schmidt, Scripps, Segal, Sheltroun, Slavens, Slezak, Smith, Spade, Stanley, Switalski, Tlaib, Tyler, Walsh and Warren offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 208.**

A resolution honoring Boy Scouts of America on the one hundredth anniversary of the organization's founding.

Whereas, February 8, 2010, marks the one hundredth anniversary of Boy Scouts of America. The members of the Michigan Legislature consider it a great privilege to commemorate this occasion and proudly extend tribute to all the leaders, parents, friends, family, and scouts that have made Boy Scouts of America successful across our state. This organization has had profound impact on countless lives in our state and nation; and

Whereas, The scouting program was founded in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell in Bronsea Island as an effort to encourage young people to develop personal goals and actively pursue their personal interests. After an American journalist and publisher, William Boyce, learned of the scouting program on his visit to London, he was inspired to start one in America; and

Whereas, Today, the scouting program represents the largest voluntary youth movement in the world. Approximately 195 countries have scouting programs. Boy Scouts of America has 2.8 million registered scouts and over 1 million leaders. There are over 100,000 registered units. The scouting program's goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in outdoor activities, educational programs, career-oriented programs, and community service activities; and

Whereas, The councils that make up the scouting community in Michigan: the Bay-Lakes, Blue Water, Chief Okemos, Great Lakes, Gerald R. Ford, Great Sauk Trail, Hiawathaland, La Salle, Lake Huron Area, Scenic Trails, Southwest Michigan, Tall Pine, and Voyageurs Area Councils, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of Boy Scouts of America with a number of local events. All these endeavors serve as a reminder to us of the vital impact of the scouting program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor Boy Scouts of America on the one hundredth anniversary of the organization's founding; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the officials of the scouting program as evidence of the highest esteem of the members of the Michigan Legislature.