

Senators Allen, Hardiman, Anderson, Basham, Van Woerkom, Nofs, Barcia, Brown, Cropsey, Switalski, Jansen, Clarke, Jacobs, Clark-Coleman, Gleason, Brater, Scott, Thomas, Whitmer, Hunter, McManus, Stamas, Bishop, Jelinek, George, Birkholz, Sanborn, Olshove, Prusi, Richardville, Gilbert, Patterson, Pappageorge, Kahn, Cherry, Kuipers and Cassis offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 113.**

A resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Whereas, February 8, 2010, marks the 100th Anniversary of the 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 who have made the Boy Scouts of America successful across our state. This organization has had a 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 in Poole Harbour, England, to encourage young men 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, over 1 million leaders, and over 100,000 registered units. Their 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 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America with a number of local events. These endeavors will serve as a reminder to us of the vital impact of the scouting program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That a unanimous accolade of praise and tribute be hereby offered in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America; 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.