

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 397

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Troop 101 of the Boy Scouts of America on their seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015, Boy Scout Troop 101 celebrated seventy-five years of service to the youth of Kingston. Many of the individuals whose lives have been positively impacted by the activities of Troop 101 reunited for a celebration at Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, under the laws of the District of Columbia, by W. D. Boyce; since then, more than ninety million Boy Scouts have benefited from this noble program; and

WHEREAS, the Kingston troop was originally chartered on October 14, 1940, with American Legion Post #110 serving as the chartering organization, Phillip N. Albright as Scoutmaster, and T. Wesley Pickel as Troop Committee Chairman; the original group of fourteen scouts met at the Roane County High School Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, following a period of inactivity during World War II, Troop 101 was rechartered on July 1, 1951, under the Kingston Lions Club, with Warren G. Hayes as Scoutmaster and Clyde Grisham as Troop Committee Chairman; Eugene Banker, C. R. Fultz, Paul Drake, and Wendell Baker were the noble volunteers who provided adult leadership to the seventeen boys who registered as Scouts at that time; and

WHEREAS, in the years since, the Kingston Boy Scouts have flourished; much of their success can be attributed to an honorable and devoted string of Scoutmasters, including Phillip Albright, Eugene Banker, Bill Bartlett, Claude Boyd, Bill Carothers, Neal Dunwoody, Kevin Foley, Warren Hayes, Herman Holsopple, Russ Limburg, Walter Mayer, Horace Monday, Grant Palmer, Roger Richmond, Floyd Walker, Daniel Weber, Marc Wise, and Alvin White; and

WHEREAS, countless young men from Roane County have been afforded opportunities for outdoor adventure and character development due to Troop 101's existence; in the troop's seventy-five years of history, it has provided the setting for many fond memories for the alumni of Kingston Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America does an outstanding job of developing American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; who have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; who have personal values based on religious concepts; who have the desire and skills to help others; who understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; who are knowledgeable about, and take pride in, their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; and who have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people and are prepared to participate in, and give leadership to, American society; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize and honor this outstanding organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Troop 101 of the Boy Scouts of America on the celebration of their seventy-fifth anniversary, reflecting with deep admiration and appreciation on their long legacy of serving youth and maintaining the highest standard of American ideals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.