



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 101

February 20, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives SARGENT, PETRYK, DANOU, KAHL, KLEEFISCH, SINICKI, GOYKE, SPIROS, WRIGHT, PRIDEMORE, BERCEAU, J. OTT, BIES, OHNSTAD, RINGHAND, STRACHOTA, SKOWRONSKI, SWEARINGEN, MURTHA, JAGLER, BORN, TITTL, DOYLE and JORGENSEN, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, SCHULTZ, HANSEN and HARSDORF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** expressing support for the Boy Scouts of America.

2 Whereas, Scouting is the largest voluntary youth movement in the world, with
3 a membership totaling more than 25 million; and

4 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is an organization that was incorporated
5 on February 8, 1910, and recognized by federal charter on June 15, 1916, to provide
6 an educational program for boys and young men to build strong moral character,
7 train in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and develop personal
8 fitness; and

9 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to God and
10 country, personal honor, respect for the beliefs of others, volunteerism, and
11 interdependence with the environment, principles which are conducive to good
12 character, citizenship, and health; and

13 Whereas, since 1910, more than 111 million people have been members of the
14 Boy Scouts of America; and

1 Whereas, the Supreme Court has ruled that the Boy Scouts of America, as a
2 private, voluntary, non-business organization, has the right to set its own standards
3 for membership and leadership; and

4 Whereas, each local Boy Scout Council commits each Boy Scout to perform
5 twelve hours of community service yearly, for a total of 30 million community service
6 hours each year; and

7 Whereas, more than one million adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young
8 people in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of
9 America; and

10 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America has always affirmed faith in God as
11 foundational and essential to its purpose and mission; and

12 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America enjoys a sustained record of proven success
13 in producing leaders for our nation who are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,
14 courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and

15 Whereas, there are 74,913 youth in Scouting in Wisconsin and 20,140 adult
16 volunteer leaders who have done 208,000 hours of service to their communities,
17 valued at more than \$4.5 million. They collected more than one million pounds of food
18 for local food pantries through the Scouting for Food program; and

19 Whereas, 843 Wisconsin youth earned their Eagle Scout badge in 2013; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
22 Wisconsin legislature express support for the Boy Scouts of America and the values
23 instilled through the Scout Oath and Law; and, be it further

24 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage all
25 citizens and organizations in the state to recognize the importance of the Boy Scouts

1 of America, and to support the cherished tradition of the Boy Scouts of America; and,
2 be it further

3 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
4 resolution to the Boy Scouts of America in the great state of Wisconsin.

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(END)