

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

January 16, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives NASS, HUNDERTMARK, PETROWSKI, OTT, ZIEGELBAUER, DUFF, AINSWORTH, GUNDRUM, WADE, LADWIG, LEIBHAM, JESKEWITZ, GROTHMAN, ALBERS, SYKORA, KREIBICH, SUDER, WALKER, OWENS, URBAN, GRONEMUS, KEDZIE, VRAKAS, FREESE, SKINDRUD, McCORMICK, PLALE, STASKUNAS, GARD, PETTIS and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators DECKER, ZIEN, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, FARROW, BAUMGART, COWLES, LAZICH, S. FITZGERALD, M. MEYER, DARLING and HARS DORF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commemorating and supporting the achievements and contributions
2 of the Boy Scouts of America.

3 Whereas, a good turn rendered by a British Boy Scout in 1909 to Chicago
4 publisher, William D. Boyce, led to his incorporating the Boy Scouts of America on
5 February 8, 1910; and

6 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is an organization dedicated to training
7 youth in responsible citizenship, personal development, and character guidance, in
8 an effort to instill their duty to God and country; and

9 Whereas, the United States Congress recognized the irreplaceable value of the
10 Boy Scouts of America by issuing a federal charter in 1916; and

11 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America have become one of the largest voluntary
12 youth movements in the United States with a membership exceeding 6 million loyal
13 Americans; and

14 Whereas, the Scouts and their families representing 142,587 Scouting units,
15 321 councils, and 16,800 communities in all 50 states have shown a commitment to

1 delivering America’s Promise through nearly 200 million community service hours
2 completing projects of importance to all citizens; and

3 Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America has recently come under attack for its
4 fundamental commitment for building and strengthening the moral character and
5 competence of our youth through adherence to the Scout Oath and Law; and

6 Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed the rights of the Boys
7 Scouts of America to maintain their values through standards for membership and
8 leadership as provided for in the Scout Oath and Law; now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
10 Wisconsin Legislature express their support for the Boy Scouts of America and the
11 values instilled through the Scout Oath and Law; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage all
13 citizens and organizations in the state to recognize the importance of the Boy Scouts
14 of America to Wisconsin and maintain their support for this cherished tradition of
15 our nation; and, be it further

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

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