ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

February 13, 2001 – Offered by Representatives Pocan, Carpenter, Boyle, Krug, Miller and Sinicki.

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

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1 Whereas, the Scouts and their families representing 142,587 Scouting units, 2 321 councils, and 16,800 communities in all 50 states have shown a commitment to 3 delivering America's Promise through nearly 200 million community service hours 4 completing projects of importance to all citizens; and 5 Whereas, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed the rights of the Boys 6 Scouts of America to maintain their values through standards for membership and 7 leadership as provided for in the Scout Oath and Law; now, therefore, be it 8 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the** 9 Wisconsin legislature express their support for the Boy Scouts of America and the 10 values instilled through the Scout Oath and Law; and, be it further 11 **Resolved**, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage all 12 citizens and organizations in the state to recognize the importance of the Boy Scouts 13 of America to Wisconsin and maintain their support for this cherished tradition of 14 our nation; and, be it further 15 **Resolved**, **That** the Wisconsin legislature strongly encourages the Boy Scouts 16 to incorporate the nondiscrimination laws of Wisconsin into their organization and 17 thus serve all of the citizens of Wisconsin in a fair and honorable manner, adhering 18 to their oath to be helpful, friendly, courteous, and reverent of the law, including that 19 of the state of Wisconsin; and, be it further 20 *Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint 21 resolution to the Boy Scouts of America of the great state of Wisconsin. 22 (END)

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