

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026**

Introduced by

Senators Dever, Oehlke, Stenehjem

Representatives Clark, Dosch, L. Meier

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

2 **WHEREAS**, on February 8, 1910, Chicago businessman William D. Boyce incorporated  
3 the Boy Scouts of America after learning of the successful scouting program begun in Great  
4 Britain by Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the scouting movement has grown from 2,000 youth members and adult  
6 volunteers in 1910 to nearly 4 million nationwide today; and

7 **WHEREAS**, approximately 112 million members have participated in the scouting  
8 program since its inception; and

9 **WHEREAS**, William D. Boyce had significant ties to North Dakota, serving as a  
10 newspaper reporter, owner, and editor in Fargo and Lisbon in the 1880s; and

11 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's own adopted son, President Theodore Roosevelt, was an  
12 enthusiastic early supporter of the Boy Scouts; and

13 **WHEREAS**, President Roosevelt was named the Boy Scouts of America's first honorary  
14 vice president and its first and only designated "Chief Scout Citizen"; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts' slogan is "do a good turn daily"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the "good turns" done by scouts throughout North Dakota and America  
17 have had a meaningful impact on the well-being of the people of our state and nation; and

18 **WHEREAS**, scouts including our nation's first scout President John F. Kennedy and our  
19 nation's first Eagle Scout President Gerald R. Ford have made an impact on our nation and  
20 world; and

21 **WHEREAS**, although Boy Scouting's methods have adapted over the years, its core  
22 mission of character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness has remained the  
23 same; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Boy Scouts of America is committed to helping millions of youth  
2   succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring necessary to live happy and  
3   fulfilling lives; and

4           **WHEREAS**, countless North Dakotans have volunteered and continue to volunteer their  
5   time, talent, and financial support to advance the mission of scouting; and

6           **WHEREAS**, these volunteers selflessly serve young people in their communities  
7   through the organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to use the program; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be holding its  
9   100th anniversary celebration on the North Dakota Capitol grounds June 4-6, 2010;

10          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
11 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

12          That the state of North Dakota commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts  
13   of America; and

14          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state of North Dakota congratulates and thanks  
15   the Boy Scouts of America and its volunteers for the tremendous and positive impact it has on  
16   the young people and future of North Dakota.