

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026
(Senators Dever, Oehlke, Stenehjem)
(Representatives Clark, Dosch, L. Meier)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State