

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Dever

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 adults
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 1880's; and

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

13 **WHEREAS**, Roosevelt was name the Boy Scouts of America's first honorary vice
14 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 have made an impact on our nation and world, including our
19 nation's first scout President John F. Kennedy, and our nation's first Eagle Scout President,
20 Gerald R. Ford; 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 youth people in their communities through
7 the organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America of us 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; and

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.