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HOUSE MEMORIAL 69

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 26, 2019 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the boy scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations; and

WHEREAS, the great southwest council-boy scouts of America, the conquistador council-boy scouts of America and the yucca council-boy scouts of America are charged with helping young people develop lifelong skills and values; and

WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador council and the yucca council serve more than eight thousand five hundred young people throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the great southwest council, the conquistador council and the yucca

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1 council are supported in their efforts by more than three
2 thousand seven hundred volunteers in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, boy scouts provide considerable public service to
4 their communities, including more than fifty-one thousand hours
5 in 2018 through eagle scout projects alone; and

6 WHEREAS, a recent study by Tufts university found that men
7 who were scouts for five or more years as boys were more likely
8 than men with no scouting experience to graduate from high
9 school and college, earn higher household incomes, have
10 lifelong friendships and believe helping others should come
11 before one's own self-interests; and

12 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, one hundred seventy-six young men
13 obtained the rank of eagle scout in 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador
15 council and the yucca council operate camping and other outdoor
16 activities for youth at the Campbell scout ranch in the Sandia
17 mountains, the Gorham scout ranch near Chimayo, the Wehinahpay
18 mountain camp in the Sacramento mountains and dowling aquatic
19 base in Carlsbad; and

20 WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of
21 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which
22 hosts more than thirty thousand visitors from all over the
23 world every year; and

24 WHEREAS, the national scouting museum relocated to New
25 Mexico from Irving, Texas in 2018; and

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1 WHEREAS, scouting serves young people throughout New
2 Mexico, regardless of economic circumstances, parental
3 involvement or any other factors that might limit a child's
4 access to programs; and

5 WHEREAS, the timeless values of the scout oath and law
6 help young people in New Mexico grow into strong leaders and
7 great residents of the state;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 26,
10 2019 be declared "Boy Scouts of America Day" in the house of
11 representatives; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the regional managers of the great southwest
14 council-boy scouts of America, the conquistador council-boy
15 scouts of America and the yucca council-boy scouts of America.