

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2017 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

8 WHEREAS, the great southwest council-boy scouts of
9 America is charged with helping young people develop lifelong
10 skills and values; and

11 WHEREAS, the great southwest council serves more than
12 seven thousand three hundred twenty-five young people
13 throughout New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the
15 great southwest council are supported in their efforts by
16 more than two thousand five hundred volunteers in New Mexico;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, boy scouts provide considerable public service
19 to their communities, including more than twenty-two thousand
20 hours in 2016 through eagle scout projects alone; and

21 WHEREAS, the most recent study by Tufts university found
22 that men who were scouts for five or more years as boys were
23 more likely than men with no scouting experience to graduate
24 from high school and college, earn higher household incomes,
25 have lifelong friendships and believe helping others should

1 come before one's own self-interests; and

2 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, sixty-one young men obtained the
3 rank of eagle scout in 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, the great southwest council operates camping
5 and other outdoor activities for youth at the Campbell scout
6 ranch in the Sandia mountains and the Gorham scout ranch near
7 Chimayo; and

8 WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of
9 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which
10 hosts over thirty thousand visitors from all over the world
11 every year; and

12 WHEREAS, the national scouting museum will be relocating
13 to New Mexico from Irving, Texas, in 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, scouting serves young people throughout New
15 Mexico, regardless of economic circumstances, parental
16 involvement or any other factors that might limit a child's
17 access to programs; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8,
23 2017 be declared "Boy Scouts of America Day" in the house of
24 representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the regional manager of the great southwest
2 council-boy scouts of America.

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