

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 26, 2019 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN
3 THE 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, the conquistador council-boy scouts of America and
10 the yucca council-boy scouts of America are charged with
11 helping young people develop lifelong skills and values; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the
16 great southwest council, the conquistador council and the
17 yucca council are supported in their efforts by more than
18 three thousand seven hundred volunteers in New Mexico; and

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

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

1 lifelong friendships and believe helping others should come
2 before one's own self-interests; and

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

5 WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador
6 council and the yucca council operate camping and other
7 outdoor activities for youth at the Campbell scout ranch in
8 the Sandia mountains, the Gorham scout ranch near Chimayo,
9 the Wehinahpay mountain camp in the Sacramento mountains and
10 dowing aquatic base in Carlsbad; and

11 WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of
12 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which
13 hosts more than thirty thousand visitors from all over the
14 world every year; and

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 26,

1 2019 be declared "Boy Scouts of America Day" in the house of
2 representatives; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the regional managers of the great southwest
5 council-boy scouts of America, the conquistador council-boy
6 scouts of America and the yucca council-boy scouts of America. HM 69
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