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Supporting the designation of “Scouting America Day” in celebration of
its 115th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. BISHOP) submitted the
following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of “Scouting America Day” in
celebration of its 115th anniversary.

Whereas Scouting America, formerly known as Boy Scouts of
America, was incorporated by Chicago publisher, William
Boyce, on February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scout-
ing movement during a visit to London;

Whereas, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national rep-
resentatives met, developed organization plans, and
opened a temporary national headquarters in New York;

Whereas the purpose of Scouting America is to teach Amer-
ica’s youth self-reliance, character, ethical decision-
making, and civic leadership through adherence to the
Scout Oath and Law;

Whereas, by 1912, Scouts were enrolled in every State;

Whereas, in 1912, the first Eagle Scout Award was earned, and more than 2,722,000 youth have earned the Eagle Scout Award since;

Whereas, in 1916, Congress granted Scouting America a Federal charter;

Whereas, in 2024, nearly 29,000 young men and women earned the rank of Eagle Scout;

Whereas there are more than 1,000,000 youth currently enrolled in Scouting who helped contribute more than 7,000,000 service hours in 2024, helping to build stronger communities across the country;

Whereas more than 628,000 adult volunteer leaders serve young people in their communities through religious, civic, and other organizations chartered by Scouting America;

Whereas the men and women involved in Scouting often neither seek nor receive the thanks of the public for their contribution to the future of our country;

Whereas, on February 5, 2025, we celebrate “Scouting America Day” in recognition of the 115th anniversary of the incorporation of this indispensable American institution; and

Whereas Scouting America endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit, have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness, have personal values based on religious and spiritual concepts, have the desire and skills to help others, understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems, take pride in their American heritage and understand our Nation’s role in the world, have a

keen respect for the basic rights of all people, and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the redesignation of a “Scouting America Day” in celebra-
- 3 tion of the 115th anniversary of its incorporation.

