

House Resolution 9 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution commemorating the fiftieth anniversary
2 of the Illowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America,
3 recognizing the impact that scouting has on Iowa's
4 communities, and recognizing the contributions of
5 the Boy Scouts to the State of Iowa.

6 WHEREAS, in 1908, British retired General Lord
7 Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell established the
8 Boy Scout movement in Great Britain; and

9 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded
10 in Washington, D.C., on February 8, 1910, by Chicago
11 publisher William D. Boyce after the "Unknown Scout"
12 aided Mr. Boyce through a dense London fog and refused
13 a tip for the assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, legislation establishing the federal
15 charter of the Boy Scouts of America was signed into
16 law by President Woodrow Wilson on June 15, 1916; and

17 WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bill Council of the Boy Scouts
18 of America and the Sac-Fox Council of the Boy Scouts of
19 America merged in 1967, creating the Illowa Council of
20 the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Davenport,
21 Iowa; and

22 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council serves Cedar, Clinton,
23 Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott counties in Iowa and
24 eight counties in western Illinois; and

25 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council continues to prepare
26 young people to make ethical and moral choices by
27 teaching them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout
28 Law; and

1 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council has over 6,000
2 registered youth members that it serves in its
3 Scouting programs and over 2,000 registered adult
4 volunteers; and

5 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council of the Boy Scouts of
6 America operates four main Scouting programs: Cub
7 Scouts, a traditional Scouting program for elementary
8 school age boys; Boy Scouts, a traditional Scouting
9 program for middle school and high school age boys;
10 Venturing, a high-adventure based leadership program
11 for young men and women ages 13 through 20; and
12 Exploring, a career-development program for young men
13 and women ages 14 through 20; and

14 WHEREAS, both adult and youth members strive to
15 fulfill the Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout
16 Slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily"; and

17 WHEREAS, the members of the Illowa Council
18 provide more than 8,000 hours of community service
19 annually; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
21 the House of Representatives commemorates the fiftieth
22 anniversary of the Illowa Council of the Boy Scouts of
23 America, and celebrates the achievements of the Scouts,
24 Ventures, Explorers, Adult Leaders and Advisors, and
25 Professional Scouters in the Illowa Council; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
27 Representatives encourages the Illowa Council of the
28 Boy Scouts of America to continue promoting community
29 service and leadership development; encourages the Boy
30 Scouts to continue to emphasize character building,

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1 responsible citizenship, and outdoor stewardship; and
2 applauds the Council for instilling the values of the
3 Scout Oath and the Scout Law in young Americans; and
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
5 House of Representatives shall send sufficient copies
6 of this Resolution to the Illowa Council Scout Service
7 Center in Davenport to be distributed to the Council
8 and each district within the Council to share with the
9 registered members of the districts.