

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA Troop No. 7 in Grapevine is celebrating the 110th anniversary of its founding on March 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, In 1913, the mayor of Grapevine, Benjamin Richard Wall, brought the No. 7 Boy Scout Unit Charter back from New York, establishing it as one of the oldest scout groups in Texas and the region west of the Mississippi; not even World War I could diminish the enthusiasm of this group of young men, who continued to meet and camp every Friday night even though most of their fathers were fighting overseas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wall remained involved with the troop until 1954, and through the years it has been supported by a number of local organizations, including the Grapevine Business Men's League, the Grapevine City Council, the Grapevine Lions Club, and St. Laurence Episcopal Church; today, this scouting crew is sponsored by Grapevine Friends of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of scoutmaster Darren White, Troop No. 7 counts approximately 40 scouts among its members; the troop has produced 144 Eagle Scouts and has participated in myriad service projects such as flag ceremonies on Memorial Day and numerous activities performed in behalf of schools, municipalities, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, For more than a century, Scouts BSA Troop No. 7 has made a significant difference in the lives of countless young Texans while contributing to the betterment of Grapevine, Tarrant County, and beyond, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in

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recognizing this momentous milestone in the group's rich history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Scouts BSA Troop No. 7 of Grapevine on the 110th anniversary of its founding and commend its members and leaders, past and present, and all those who have worked to support the organization during its 11 decades of service to the community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the troop as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Parker

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate