

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America in Galveston for its many years of outstanding service to the community and its exceptional achievements in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Organized in April of 1919, the Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America particularly enjoyed increased membership and great success in a wide array of its programs in 2002; and

WHEREAS, During the past year, 78 members earned the rank of Eagle Scout, thereby becoming members of an elite corps that few Boy Scouts attain; and

WHEREAS, The council's fall, winter, and summer camps saw a tremendous growth in attendance, and more than 1,800 young men participated in either day camp or Cub-O-Ree activities; and

WHEREAS, The council's School Night for Scouting event resulted in more than 1,100 new Boy Scout members, with total membership increasing by six percent over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Scouting Fund Drive raised more than \$250,000 to support boy scouting activities, and the council once again finished the year with a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, More than 200 people attended the Distinguished Citizen Luncheon that honored Dr. W. Michael Kemp, vice president and chief executive officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston; Robert Gates, new president of Texas A&M University and an Eagle Scout, was the keynote speaker for the event; and

WHEREAS, Through its outstanding programs, the Bay Area Council has demonstrated its longtime commitment to the growth and development of young men, and it has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the lives of many young Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Bay Area Council Boy Scouts of America for its dedicated service to countless young men, and extend congratulations to the council on its many accomplishments in 2002; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the council as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 8, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate