

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

WHEREAS, Thousands of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from all over Texas will march down Congress Avenue to the State Capitol on February 3 to deliver the 2007 Report to State and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the World Scouting Movement; and

WHEREAS, The Report to State gives Scouts an opportunity to inform state leaders, who are represented by Attorney General Greg Abbott, about the achievements of Scouts and the ways in which Scouting has improved communities during the past year; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Scouts provided a quarter of a million hours of community service in Texas, and the number of youth members of Scout troops in the state has now risen to more than 340,000; members of the Texas Legislature take a sincere interest in Scouting and many are involved with local Scout troops and have sons or daughters who are Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Many Texas leaders, famous Texans, and people with close Texas ties have been Scouts, including President George W. Bush, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Walter Cronkite, Don Meredith, David Robinson, Nolan Ryan, Roger Staubach, George Strait, and Herschel Walker; in addition, 17 members of Congress currently representing the State of Texas have been Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Texans who have earned the highest Scouting rank, Eagle Scout, include Governor Rick Perry, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Representative Mike O'Day, the late United States Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Congressman Louis Gohmert, Congressman Jeb Hensarling, and Congressman Pete Sessions; and

WHEREAS, Scouting helps build character and increases the likelihood that young people will take leadership roles in clubs or school organizations, place the needs of others before their own, have self-confidence, be active in a variety of after-school activities, and resist peer pressure to take part in delinquent or dishonest activities; and

WHEREAS, Scouting produces young people who believe in strong families, community service, and active citizenship, which makes for stronger and more successful communities and states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby welcome delegates from our state's Scouting troops on their arrival to Austin for the 2007 Report to State and extend congratulations to them on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the World Scouting Movement; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for each of the 19 council delegations reporting to state as an expression of high regard 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 January 31, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate