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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 7 in Grapevine is
2 celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding on May 11, 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, The scouting movement has been preparing young men
5 to become leaders since Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded the
6 movement in Great Britain in 1908; American businessman William
7 D. Boyce organized the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 after a scout
8 in London refused an offer of payment for helping him, remarking to
9 Mr. Boyce that he was required to do a good deed each day; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Wall remained involved with the troop until
18 1954, and through the years it has been supported by a number of
19 local organizations, including the Grapevine Business Men's
20 League, the Grapevine City Council, the Grapevine Lions Club, and
21 St. Laurence Episcopal Church; today, this scouting crew is
22 sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of scoutmaster and Eagle Scout
24 Don Blan, the troop currently counts over 50 scouts among its

1 members; moreover, Troop No. 7 has produced 98 Eagle Scouts and has
2 participated in myriad service projects such as flag ceremonies on
3 Memorial Day and numerous activities performed in behalf of
4 schools, municipalities, and other organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Still going strong in the 21st century, Boy Scout
6 Troop No. 7 has for 100 years made a significant difference in the
7 lives of countless young Texans while contributing to the
8 betterment of Grapevine, Tarrant County, and beyond, and it is
9 indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing this momentous milestone
10 in the group's rich history; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 7
13 of Grapevine on the 100th anniversary of its founding and commend
14 its members and leaders, past and present, and all those who have
15 worked to support this fine organization during its 10 decades of
16 service to the community; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 7 as an expression of
19 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.