

House Resolution 1409

By: Representative Ehrhart of the 36<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Boy Scouts of America program on the occasion of its 100th anniversary  
2 and recognizing February 11, 2010, as Boy Scouts of America Day at the state capitol; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, a volunteer organization, was incorporated by  
5 Chicago publisher William D. Boyce on February 8, 1910, after learning of the Scouting  
6 movement during a visit to London; and

7 WHEREAS, on June 21, 1910, a group of 34 national representatives met, developed  
8 organization plans, and opened a temporary national headquarters for the program in New  
9 York; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to teach America's youth  
11 patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values; and

12 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has and continues to live out its commitment to  
13 helping millions of youth succeed by providing the support, friendship, and mentoring  
14 necessary to live a happy and fulfilling life; and

15 WHEREAS, by 1912, Boy Scouts were enrolled in every state, and in 1916, the United  
16 States Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter; and

17 WHEREAS, each council requires a Scout to perform at least 12 hours of community service  
18 annually, totaling more than 30 million community service hours each year; and

19 WHEREAS, there have now been more than 111 million members of Scouting, and the  
20 organization presented the two millionth Eagle Scout award in 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, more than 1 million adult volunteer leaders selflessly serve young people in  
22 their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, often  
23 neither receiving nor seeking the thanks of the public; and

24 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are  
25 physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced  
26 in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on  
27 religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others and understand the principles of  
28 the United States' social, economic, and governmental systems; take pride in their American  
29 heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights  
30 of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society; and

31 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America program will celebrate its  
32 centennial anniversary and 100 years of Scouting, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that  
33 this amazing organization be appropriately recognized.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend the Boy Scouts of America program for improving the  
36 lives of countless young men and inspiring all Americans to be better citizens, congratulate  
37 past and present Scouts on 100 years of tradition, and recognize February 11, 2010, as Boy  
38 Scouts of America Day at the state capitol.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Boys Scouts of America  
41 program.