

House Resolution 722

By: Representatives Carson of the 46th, Marin of the 96th, Williamson of the 115th, Hamilton of the 24th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 20, 2013, as Boy Scout Day at the capitol and inviting a designee from
2 each council of the Georgia Councils of the Boy Scouts of America to be recognized by the
3 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, scouting evolved during the early 1900s through the efforts of several men
5 dedicated to bettering youth who conceived a program of outdoor activities that developed
6 skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct
7 for everyday living; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, First Baron Baden-Powell, known as
9 the founder of the Scouting Movement, wrote *Scouting for Boys*, which sparked the
10 formation of Scout troops across the world such that by 1922, there were more than a million
11 Scouts in 32 countries, and by 1939, the number of Scouts was in excess of 3.3 million; and

12 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop American citizens who are
13 physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced
14 in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on
15 religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the
16 American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take
17 pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen
18 respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give
19 leadership to American society; and

20 WHEREAS, thousands of volunteer leaders across the United States, both men and women,
21 are involved in the Boy Scout program, serving in a variety of jobs, from unit leaders to
22 chairmen of troop committees and committee members, merit badge counselors, and
23 chartered organization representatives; and

24 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost program of character
25 development and values based leadership training for youth, fostering the philosophy of duty
26 to God, country, and self and a commitment to others through a comprehensive program of
27 responsible fun, outdoor adventure, and service projects; and

28 WHEREAS, scouting has been an integral part of the lives of so many of our leaders and
29 men who have shaped America, such as George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Sanford Bishop,
30 Sam Nunn, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Jimmy Stewart, Jimmy Buffet, Henry
31 "Hank" Aaron, Bill Gates, Sr., Steven Spielberg, John Tesh, and James A. Lovell, Jr.; and

32 WHEREAS, the Georgia Boy Scout program is organized into 11 councils: Chehaw Council,
33 Georgia-Carolina Council, Chattahoochee Council, Flint River Council, Northeast Georgia
34 Council, Central Georgia Council, Northwest Georgia Council, Coastal Empire Council,
35 Alpha Area Council, Okefenokee Council, and Atlanta Area Council; and

36 WHEREAS, such a worthwhile program deserves respect, admiration, gratitude, and
37 commendation for the impact it has had and continues to have on the character of the youth
38 of this state and this nation.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body commend the Boy Scouts of America for their many achievements
41 and contributions to the welfare of this state, recognize March 20, 2013, as Boy Scout Day
42 at the capitol, and invite a designee from each council of the Georgia Councils of the Boy
43 Scouts of America to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time
44 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Councils of the
47 Boy Scouts of America.