

House Resolution 604

By: Representatives Willard of the 51st, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Jacobs of the 80th, and Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Boy Scout Troop 463 of Sandy Springs, Georgia, on its
2 50th anniversary and inviting members of the troop to be recognized by the House of
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop United States citizens who are
5 physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight; have a high degree of self-reliance
6 as evidenced by such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have a belief in and
7 have personal values based on God, our Creator; have the desire and skills to help others and
8 understand the principles of the United States' social, economic, and governmental systems;
9 take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; and are
10 prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society; and

11 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America have a long and distinguished history of service to
12 their communities, of training boys in outdoor skills and first aid, and of doing good deeds
13 for others; and

14 WHEREAS, on February 1, 1941, the Boys Scouts of America chartered Troop 1, Sandy
15 Springs, Georgia, which later was designated as Troop 236 and chartered to Sandy Springs
16 United Methodist Church; and

17 WHEREAS, by 1964, Troop 236 and the Scouting program had grown to include more than
18 100 Scouts, which made it necessary and desirable for Troop 236 to be divided unofficially
19 into a Troop A and a Troop B; and

20 WHEREAS, on April 1, 1965, Troop B of Troop 236 was chartered to Sandy Springs United
21 Methodist Church as Boy Scout Troop 463 with 28 Scouts who transferred from Troop 236
22 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Jack Hambrick of Sandy Springs, Georgia, and Senior
23 Patrol Leader and Eagle Scout Bruce Carter; and

24 WHEREAS, since April 1, 1965, 849 boys have joined Troop 463 and have become leaders
25 in their communities, their chosen professions, and the United States armed forces, and 206
26 members of Troop 463 have earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

27 WHEREAS, the Scouting program in Troop 463 has been successful because of the work of
28 the 234 trained and dedicated men and women who have served as Scoutmasters, Assistant
29 Scoutmasters, and members of the Troop Committee, and they have provided an environment
30 in which the Scouts could learn and practice the leadership and other skills that would help
31 make them successful in life; and

32 WHEREAS, throughout its history, Troop 463 has followed the principles of Scouting
33 developed by Lord Baden-Powell of Gillwell, that "Scouting is a game for boys under the
34 leadership of boys under the direction of a man," using and adapting the patrol method for
35 each generation of Scouts; and

36 WHEREAS, since 1965, the following eight men have held the office of Scoutmaster of
37 Troop 463: John W. (Jack) Hambrick, P.M. (Mac) Russell, William D. Francis, Leon E.
38 Jackson, Robert T. (Bob) Smallwood, Thomas G. (Tom) Perry, James H. (Jim) Copeland,
39 and Wayne Miller; and

40 WHEREAS, since its founding, Troop 463 has earned numerous awards at the district,
41 council, and national levels and is widely known for its strong outdoor high-adventure
42 program and its high standards of uniforming; and

43 WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, Troop 463 will begin a 17 month celebration of its 50th
44 anniversary as a troop.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
46 the members of this body congratulate and commend Boy Scout Troop 463 of Sandy
47 Springs, Georgia, for their many achievements and contributions to the boys of the troop, the
48 community, the state, and the World Brotherhood of Scouting over the past 50 years; extend
49 their most sincere best wishes for its continued success; and invite representatives of Boy
50 Scout Troop 463 to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be
51 determined by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
53 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Boy

54 Scout Troop 463, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church, and the Atlanta Area Council of
55 the Boys Scouts of America.