

## House Resolution 739

By: Representatives Willard of the 51<sup>st</sup> and Wilkinson of the 52<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Boy Scout Troop 463 of Sandy Springs, Georgia, on its  
2 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
45 the members of this body congratulate and commend Boy Scout Troop 463 of Sandy  
46 Springs, Georgia, for their many achievements and contributions to the boys of the troop, the  
47 community, the state, and the World Brotherhood of Scouting over the past 50 years and  
48 extend their most sincere best wishes for its continued success.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
50 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Boy  
51 Scout Troop 463, Sandy Springs United Methodist Church, and the Atlanta Area Council of  
52 the Boys Scouts of America.