

House Resolution 1177

By: Representative Sims of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Boy Scout Troop
2 45 in Augusta, Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, less than 2 percent of boy scouts nationally achieve the highest rank in Boy
16 Scouts, the Eagle Scout rank; and

17 WHEREAS, February 14, 2016, is national Boy Scout Sunday when boy scouts across the
18 country honor their faiths in the religious institutions of their choice; and

19 WHEREAS, Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Augusta, Georgia, has been the Charter
20 Organization sponsoring Troop 45 for 50 years in 2016; and

21 WHEREAS, Troop 45 is the largest Boy Scout troop in the Creek River District of the
22 Georgia-Carolina Council of the BSA; and

23 WHEREAS, Troop 45 has produced approximately 130 Eagle Scouts in its tenure, close to
24 10 percent of all boys in its program; and

25 WHEREAS, six scouts from Troop 45 have earned their Eagle Scout rank in 2015-2016.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Aldersgate United Methodist Church and Boy Scout
28 Troop 45 of the Creek River District of the Georgia-Carolina Council of the BSA for their
29 many achievements and for their contributions to their community and state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 Georgia-Carolina Council of the BSA, Troop 45, and Aldersgate United Methodist Church.