

House Resolution 1125

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 119th, Gaines of the 117th, Efstration of the 104th, Prince of the 127th, Williamson of the 115th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Scouts of America and recognizing March 17, 2020, as Scouts BSA Day
2 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Scouts of America is the nation's foremost program of character
24 development and values based leadership training for youth, fostering the philosophy of duty

25 to God, country, and self and a commitment to others through a comprehensive program of
26 responsible fun, outdoor adventure, and service projects; and

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

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

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

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
39 the members of this body commend the Scouts of America for their many achievements and
40 contributions to the welfare of this state and recognize March 17, 2020, as Scouts BSA Day
41 at the state capitol.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
44 Atlanta Area Council of the Scouts of America.