

Senate Resolution 621

By: Senators Strickland of the 17th, Rhett of the 33rd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Boy Scouts of America and recognizing March 9, 2022, as Scout Day at
2 the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, scouting has been an integral part of the development of the leaders and the
4 heritage of our country for over a century; and

5 WHEREAS, scouts pledge on their honor to do their duty and to help other people at all
6 times; and

7 WHEREAS, scouting develops the essential traits embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout
8 Law and teaches youth to be "trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,
9 cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent"; and

10 WHEREAS, scouting continues to be vibrant in Georgia, serving over 38,000 youth annually
11 and striving to reach every community in our state: the Atlanta Area Council, the Central
12 Georgia Council in Macon, the Chattahoochee Council in Columbus, the Coastal Georgia
13 Council in Savannah, the Flint River Council in Griffin, the Georgia-Carolina Council in
14 Augusta, the Northeast Georgia Council in Athens, the Northwest Georgia Council in Rome,
15 and the South Georgia Council in Valdosta; and

16 WHEREAS, many members of the general assembly and their families are members of and
17 find value in scouting programs; and

18 WHEREAS, scouting provides opportunities for youth to gain hands-on experience and
19 education in areas of STEM, skilled trades, conservation, citizenship, outdoor skills, and
20 more, thus cultivating better educated, better informed, and better prepared citizens for
21 Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, the programs of scouting result in youth learning values and skills that create
23 the next generation of Georgia's leaders; individuals we want in our government, our cities,
24 our communities, and our homes who carry a strong code of values; a genuine connection
25 to their community; a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and who are prepared
26 to participate as engaged and contributing members in their spheres of influence; and

27 WHEREAS, scouting programs are made available to all youth, regardless of family income
28 or geography; and

29 WHEREAS, scouting programs across the State have resulted in over 800 Eagle Scouts in
30 2021; each of these youth having proved themselves to be leaders among their peers,
31 self-sufficient, and resourceful; and

32 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with government agencies, religious
33 organizations, school districts, educational leaders, mental health experts, and youth-serving
34 organizations to educate, advocate, and collaborate on issues of safety for the youth of our
35 communities; 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 SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend the Boy Scouts of America for its many achievements and contributions to the
41 welfare of this state and recognize March 9, 2022, as Scout Day at the state capitol.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
43 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the councils of the
44 Boy Scouts of America chartered in the State of Georgia.