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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Illowa Council of the
4 Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of the 50th anniversary
5 of its founding in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1908, British Retired General Lord Robert
7 Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell established the Boy Scout
8 movement in Great Britain; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was founded in
10 Washington, D.C., on February 8, 1910 by Chicago publisher,
11 William D. Boyce, after the "Unknown Scout" aided him through a
12 dense London fog and refused a tip for the assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, Legislation establishing the federal charter of
14 the Boy Scouts of America was passed by the United States House
15 of Representatives and the United States Senate, and on June
16 15, 1916, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson; and

17 WHEREAS, The Scouting movement spread to Illinois within a
18 year of being established in Washington, D.C.; and

19 WHEREAS, The Buffalo Bill Council and Sac-Fox Council
20 merged in 1967, creating the Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of

1 America, which serves Western Illinois and Eastern Iowa; and

2 WHEREAS, The Illowa Council serves Bureau, Henry, Knox,
3 McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island, Stark, and Warren Counties in
4 Illinois and Western Iowa; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illowa Council continues to prepare young
6 people to make ethical and moral choices by teaching them the
7 values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law; and

8 WHEREAS, The Illowa Council has over 6,000 registered youth
9 members that it serves in its Scouting programs and over 2,000
10 registered adult volunteers; and

11 WHEREAS, The Illowa Council operates four main Scouting
12 programs: Cub Scouts, a traditional Scouting program for
13 elementary school age boys; Boy Scouts, a traditional Scouting
14 program for middle school and high school age boys; Venturing,
15 a high-adventure based leadership program for young men and
16 women ages 13-20; and Exploring, a career-development program
17 for young men and women ages 14-20; and

18 WHEREAS, Both adult and youth members strive to fulfill the
19 Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout Slogan of "Do a Good
20 Turn Daily"; and

1 WHEREAS, The members of the Illowa Council provide more
2 than 8,000 hours of community service annually; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Illowa Council, Boy
7 Scouts of America, and celebrate the achievements of the
8 Scouts, Ventures, Explorers, Adult Leaders and Advisors, and
9 Professional Scouters in the Illowa Council; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That we encourage the Illowa Council to continue
11 promoting community service and leadership development,
12 encourage the Boy Scouts to continue to emphasize character
13 building, responsible citizenship, and outdoor stewardship,
14 and applaud the Council for instilling the values of the Scout
15 Oath and the Scout Law in young Americans; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illowa Council and every district served by
18 the Council.