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By Senator Roach

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the leading volunteer youth movements in the United States, serving more than 4,700,000 young people, with the support of over 1,200,000 volunteer adult leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America totals over 80,000 young people in Washington State, in 6 Districts and 3,686 Troops; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and recognized by Federal charter on June 15, 1916, to provide an educational program for youth to build character, train in responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has provided millions of young men and women with a special opportunity to learn important lifelong skills; and

WHEREAS, Through their membership in the Boy Scouts of America, these young people receive important preparation for future citizenship and leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America is one of our most honored, traditional organizations that teaches, practices, and preaches the core values of duty to God and country, personal honor, respect of the beliefs of others, volunteerism, and the value of service and doing a "good turn" daily, principles which are conducive to good character citizenship and health; and

WHEREAS, During the 96 year history of the Boy Scouts of America, the organization has partnered with the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity International, the American Red Cross, and thousands of other community and civic organizations to address critical issues facing communities in the United States, including the problems of hunger, inadequate housing, poor health, and youth obesity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Washington (1) Recognize the Boy Scouts of America for the public service the organization performs for neighborhoods and communities across Washington and the United States; and (2) Commend the Boy Scouts of America for the "Good Turn for America" program and the work the organization has accomplished while partnering with the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity International, the American Red Cross, and the thousands of other community and civic organizations across the United States to address critical issues facing communities in Washington and the United States.