

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94-4692, by Representatives Riley, Basich, Kremen, Stevens, Talcott, Sehlin, Ballasiotes, Foreman, Sheahan, Jacobsen, Peery, Leonard, Lemmon, Appelwick, Dellwo, Wang, Dunshee, Dorn, Rust, Linville, Valle, Cooke, Long, Conway, Campbell and Backlund

WHEREAS, Juvenile violence is increasing at an alarming rate, and gangs are attempting to gain footholds in Washington's communities; and WHEREAS, This growing juvenile violence and gang activity creates a greater need than ever for the influence of the skills and values taught in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Scouting uses fun programs to promote the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and teaches them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Law, "A Scout is: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent," provides an ethical code we would all do well to live by; and

WHEREAS, Scouting places an emphasis on improving understanding within the family; and

WHEREAS, The Scout motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout slogan of "Do a good turn daily" provide a positive mission for Scouts of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Scouts of all ages have provided assistance in many local and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Many Scouts participate annually in "Scouting for Food" good turn projects and have collected several hundred tons of food for local food banks; and

WHEREAS, Much of the success of the scouting program depends on the adult leaders; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America policy states, in part, that "A leader must be a good role model because our children's values and lives will be influenced by that leader"; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have been an integral part of building the character of youth for eighty-four years; and

WHEREAS, February 8, 1994, is the eighty-fourth birthday of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lowry has proclaimed February 8, 1994 Boy Scouts of America Recognition Day in the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and applaud the efforts of volunteer and professional Scouters for the service and great benefit they provide the youth of this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in recognition of the positive impact that the Boy Scouts of America have on the youth of this state, the members of this body declare February 8, 1994, to be Boy Scouts of America Day in the Washington State House of Representatives, and, by so declaring, hereby recognize those Scouts who are present today on the legislative campus and those current and future Scouts who will continue to make our great state even greater.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4692 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 8, 1994.

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Marilyn Showalter, Chief Clerk