

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in
4 the history of organizations in the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Boy Scout
6 Troop 1 of Park Ridge is celebrating its 90th anniversary
7 this year; and

8 WHEREAS, Not many Troops have a history and heritage that
9 Boy Scout Troop 1 has; it started in 1910 when Scoutmaster
10 Charles Morrison Dickenson was requested by the First
11 Methodist Church of Park Ridge to form a Boy Scout Troop; in
12 1911, a Boy Scout program was established and on June 22,
13 1912, Boy Scout Troop 1 was officially chartered; and

14 WHEREAS, In the early years, membership varied from 30 to
15 40 scouts; the troop did not camp much but rather
16 concentrated on advancement; when they did camp the favorite
17 spot was dam number 4 on the DesPlaines River, a few miles
18 from Park Ridge; there were many service projects where many
19 of the scouts advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

20 WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 1 attended its first National
21 Jamboree in Washington D.C. in 1937; the scouts attended
22 other National Jamborees in 1953 in Pennsylvania, 1959 in
23 Colorado, and several in Virginia in the late 1980s and
24 1990s; and the troop was also represented at several World
25 Jamborees in Europe; and

26 WHEREAS, In the 1950s and 1960s Boy Scout Troop 1 camped
27 throughout the State of Illinois and into Wisconsin, Indiana,
28 and Michigan; the troop also visited historical places
29 including Springfield, Illinois, to follow the famous Lincoln
30 trail; and

31 WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 1 has enjoyed annual summer camp

1 programs offered at Camp Namacagon, Camp Makajawan, and most
2 recently, Camp Napowan, where the scouts camp in late July
3 and early August; and

4 WHEREAS, In the more recent history, Boy Scout Troop 1
5 has added a high adventure program for the older scouts which
6 gives them the chance to canoe the Canadian Boundary waters,
7 hike the Tooth of Time at Philmont Scout reservation in New
8 Mexico, float and hike the Canyonlands National Park on the
9 Green River in Utah, and hike the Porcupine Mountains in
10 Michigan; the troop has also started climbing expeditions at
11 Devil's Lake Wisconsin and the Mississippi Palisades State
12 Park in Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Being an older troop, there has been several
14 generations of families members that have been both scouts
15 and adult leaders; Boy Scout Troop 1 has had an honorable
16 record in the past 90 years; the troop has a flag with many
17 award ribbons presented for jobs well done, including winning
18 first aid meets, klondike derbys, and many other annual
19 events; the troop has received the Presidents award and other
20 National awards as a first class organization due to the
21 troop's strong leadership; and

22 WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 1 is truly a boy run troop; the
23 Patrol Leaders are experienced and full of knowledge guiding
24 and teaching the younger scouts in their patrols; in
25 addition, the Patrol leaders help the younger scouts gain
26 advancement in rank, because of this, Boy Scout Troop 1 has
27 had approximately 130 scouts attain the rank of Eagle since
28 1920 and many of them have graduated from colleges with
29 degrees in many different fields of study; some of the scouts
30 that attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the past 8 years
31 have ventured on into various professions, including law,
32 military duty, law enforcement, and sports; and

1 WHEREAS, The Scouts of the Troop have on a yearly basis
2 collected food for the food pantries in the Park Ridge and
3 Chicago areas; they have also provided community service to
4 the Park Ridge Park District and to the City of Park Ridge;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 1 will officially celebrate its
7 90th anniversary on May 18, 2002 at the First United
8 Methodist Church in Park Ridge; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Boy Scout Troop 1 of Park Ridge on the
12 celebration of its 90th anniversary; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Gail Fabish, the current Scoutmaster of Boy
15 Scout Troop 1 as an expression of our esteem.