

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2018 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN THE  
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the boy scouts of America is one of the  
6 nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth  
7 development organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, the great southwest council-boy scouts of  
9 America, the conquistador council-boy scouts of America and  
10 the yucca council-boy scouts of America are charged with  
11 helping young people develop lifelong skills and values; and

12 WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador  
13 council and the yucca council serve nearly ten thousand three  
14 hundred young people throughout New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the  
16 great southwest council, the conquistador council and the  
17 yucca council are supported in their efforts by more than two  
18 thousand seven hundred volunteers in New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, boy scouts provide considerable public service  
20 to their communities, including more than twenty-seven  
21 thousand hours in 2017 through eagle scout projects alone;  
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23 WHEREAS, the most recent study by Tufts university found  
24 that men who were scouts for five or more years as boys were  
25 more likely than men with no scouting experience to graduate

1 from high school and college, earn higher household incomes,  
2 have lifelong friendships and believe helping others should  
3 come before one's own self-interests; and

4 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, two hundred thirty-three young  
5 men obtained the rank of eagle scout in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador  
7 council and the yucca council operate camping and other  
8 outdoor activities for youth at the Campbell scout ranch in  
9 the Sandia mountains, the Gorham scout ranch near Chimayo and  
10 the Wehinahpay mountain camp in the Sacramento mountains; and

11 WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of  
12 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which  
13 hosts more than thirty thousand visitors from all over the  
14 world every year; and

15 WHEREAS, the national scouting museum is relocating to  
16 New Mexico from Irving, Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, scouting serves young people throughout New  
18 Mexico, regardless of economic circumstances, parental  
19 involvement or any other factors that might limit a child's  
20 access to programs; and

21 WHEREAS, the timeless values of the scout oath and law  
22 help young people in New Mexico grow into strong leaders and  
23 great residents of the state;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25,

1 2018 be declared "Boy Scouts of America Day" in the house of  
2 representatives; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the regional managers of the great southwest  
5 council-boy scouts of America, the conquistador council-boy  
6 scouts of America and the yucca council-boy scouts of America. HM 33  
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