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SENATE MEMORIAL 27

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2018 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the great southwest council, the conquistador council and the yucca

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1 council are supported in their efforts by more than two
2 thousand seven hundred volunteers in New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, boy scouts provide considerable public service to
4 their communities, including more than twenty-seven thousand
5 hours in 2017 through eagle scout projects alone; and

6 WHEREAS, the most recent study by Tufts university found
7 that men who were scouts for five or more years as boys were
8 more likely than men with no scouting experience to graduate
9 from high school and college, earn higher household incomes,
10 have lifelong friendships and believe helping others should
11 come before one's own self-interests; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the great southwest council, the conquistador
15 council and the yucca council operate camping and other outdoor
16 activities for youth at the Campbell scout ranch in the Sandia
17 mountains, the Gorham scout ranch near Chimayo and the
18 Wehinahpay mountain camp in the Sacramento mountains; and

19 WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of
20 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which
21 hosts more thirty thousand visitors from all over the world
22 every year; and

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

25 WHEREAS, scouting serves young people throughout New

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1 Mexico, regardless of economic circumstances, parental
2 involvement or any other factors that might limit a child's
3 access to programs; and

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that January 25, 2018 be declared "Boy Scouts of
9 America Day" in the senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the regional managers of the great southwest
12 council-boy scouts of America, the conquistador council-boy
13 scouts of America and the yucca council-boy scouts of America.

