



BILL HORN

CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: Tuesday, October 30, 2001

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Resolution Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America
(District: All)

SUMMARY:

Overview

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has a long, distinguished record of character building for boys and young adults, training them in the responsibilities of citizenship, encouraging and strengthening leadership skills and service to their fellow man.

This Board letter recognizes and congratulates the BSA and its 4.5 million youth members and volunteers for eighty-five (85) years of service to our youth and in turn to our communities and our nation.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRMAN HORN:

1. Adopt the Resolution celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts in America.
2. Direct the CAO to prepare a cover letter to be signed by the Chairman to forward the Resolution to the BSA President Milton H. Ward and BSA Chief Scout Executive, Roy L. Williams.
3. Direct the CAO to prepare a cover letter to be signed by the Chairman to forward the Resolution to President Bush and the San Diego County Congressional and State Delegations

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

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N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was founded as a character-building program on February 8, 1910. BSA has over 110 million alumni including American Presidents and leaders in every walk of life including business and sports. The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law as follows:

SCOUT OATH: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

SCOUT LAW: “A Scout is: Trustworthy; Loyal; Helpful; Friendly; Courteous; Kind; Obedient; Cheerful; Thrifty; Brave; Clean; and Reverent.”

The BSA, in response to President George W. Bush’s call for Scouts to earn or give funds to aid the children of Afghanistan, has fully endorsed and is working to assist in this special relief effort. “It is important for Scouts and all young people to understand that we are not at war with a country or a people. Service to our nation, and to other people, is still one of the most important lessons we impart in our movement.”

During World War II Scouts collected almost two billion pounds of metal, rubber and other materials for the war effort and sold more than \$1.957 billion in war bonds. More recently, Scouts completed more than 200 million hours of community service while working with America’s Promise – The Alliance for Youth, chaired by General Colin L. Powell, U.S. Army (Ret.) who now also serves as Secretary of State.

I urge my fellow Board members to support the Boy Scouts of America by approving this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL HORN
Chairman
Supervisor, Fifth District

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]No
Section 1000.1 Required		
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	[X]N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 5

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910; and

WHEREAS, The year 2001 marks the 85th anniversary of the federal charter granted to the Boy Scouts of America by the Congress of the United States of America on June 15, 1916; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts is one of the largest youth-serving, character-building organizations in America, boasting more than 110 million alumni; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law; and

WHEREAS, The Scout Oath of the Boy Scouts is, “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight;” and

WHEREAS, The Scout Law specifies that “A Scout is: Trustworthy; Loyal; Helpful; Friendly; Courteous; Kind; Obedient; Cheerful; Thrifty; Brave; Clean; and Reverent;” and

WHEREAS, American families rely on the Boy Scouts of America to provide a logical and clear system of moral values that promote good character, personal conviction, a devotion to principle, a sense of ethics and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts come from all walks of life and experience diversity in scouting that they often cannot see elsewhere in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Scouting helps children from cities, suburbs, and rural areas and from all faiths and races regardless of their economic status; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America offers young men responsible fun and adventure while developing the ethical quality of their characters, which is so vital to their training in citizenship, leadership, and service; and

WHEREAS, Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on our communities by teaching the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems, along with the values that encourage leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have instilled these values in millions of young men, including American Presidents, and leaders in every walk of life including business and sports

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the San Diego County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of their congressional charter, and recognizes the valuable contributions made by the Boy Scouts of America in training our young men for citizenship, service, and leadership.