

By: Senator(s) Clarke, Davis

To: Rules

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 514

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AREA COUNCILS OF THE
2 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA LOCATED IN MISSISSIPPI TO MAKE AN ANNUAL
3 REPORT TO THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE AND MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES.

5 WHEREAS, since its founding 96 years ago, the mission of the
6 Boy Scouts of America has not changed, nor have its principles.
7 The Boy Scouts of America remains steadfast in preparing youth to
8 become responsible, participating citizens and leaders who are
9 guided by the Scout Oath and Law; and

10 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost
11 youth program of character development and values-based leadership
12 training. In the future, Scouting will continue to:

- 13 • Offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
14 • Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in
15 them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
16 • Train young people in citizenship, service and leadership;
17 • Serve America's communities and families with its quality,
18 values-based programs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2006-2007, the timeless values of Scouting
20 influenced almost 4.6 million youth. Local council total
21 financial support and revenue continued growing, increasing by
22 approximately \$50 Million. Endowment assets increased to a
23 cumulative value of more than \$1.3 Billion; and

24 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America relies on the outstanding
25 leadership of more than 1.2 million volunteers who dedicate their
26 time, energy and finances to provide youth the chance to enjoy
27 Scouting. On average, Scout volunteers give five hours to
28 Scouting per week; and

29 WHEREAS, for 96 years, Scouting's purpose has remained
30 constant. In 2005, the Boy Scouts of America's youth members and
31 volunteer leadership demonstrated their commitment to honoring
32 Scouting's tradition of selfless service and dedication to
33 following the Scout Oath and Law by delivering tons of food and
34 supplies to people whose lives were disrupted by Hurricanes Rita,
35 Wilma and Katrina. In addition to helping cleanup debris, repair
36 homes and serve food to hurricane survivors, Scouts provided more
37 than 1.5 million hours of other service to their communities.
38 Scouting will continue to rely on its proven vision to meet the
39 needs of the youth and families of this country into the
40 organization's next century of service; and

41 WHEREAS, young people today face more challenges than ever
42 before, but thanks to thousands of dedicated Scouting volunteers
43 and professionals, they also have more opportunities. It is with
44 great honor and pride that we take the time-proven values and
45 traditions of yesterday and combine them with accomplishments of
46 today to ensure that the values of the Scout Oath and Law remain
47 strong tomorrow; and

48 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America makes an Annual Report to
49 the United States Congress, and as Scouting approaches its
50 Centennial Anniversary, the Mississippi Legislature wishes to
51 encourage the new generations of young Mississippians to inherit
52 the values of noble character and constructive citizenship:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
54 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
55 we do hereby respectfully request the local area councils of the
56 Boy Scouts of America which are located in Mississippi to make an
57 Annual Report to the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of
58 Representatives on the Status of Scouting in Mississippi. Said
59 report shall be made on a date determined annually by the
60 Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of
61 Representatives and shall be made by representatives of each area

62 council located in Mississippi, including the following: the
63 Andrew Jackson Council, the Yocona Council, the Chickasaw Council,
64 Pine Burr Area Council and the Pushmataha Council. The report may
65 be in similar form to the Annual Report made by the Boy Scouts of
66 America to the United States Congress but be specific to the
67 status of Scouting activities in Mississippi.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded by
69 the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House to the
70 appropriate representatives of the Area Councils of the Boy Scouts
71 of America in Mississippi and coordinate the annual date and
72 format for the presentations referenced in this resolution.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
74 forwarded to the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America and
75 be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.