

By: Representative Newman

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

1 A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE
2 FOUNDING OF TROOP 8, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
3 OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

4 WHEREAS, Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist
5 Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is celebrating 100 years of
6 service in 2021 as a mentoring ministry to young men using the
7 tools of scouting to develop a lifelong pursuit of character,
8 adventure, leadership and faith; and

9 WHEREAS, Troop 8's mission is to provide a safe and
10 Christ-centered environment for each scout to explore and discover
11 his God-given potential to make a difference in all areas of life;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Troop 8 desires for every scout to understand what
14 it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; and

15 WHEREAS, for 100 years, Troop 8's focus has been to encourage
16 young citizens to impact our city, state and nation with Christian
17 service; and



18 WHEREAS, Troop 8 scouts learn to listen for God's voice in a
19 silent wilderness and acknowledge His guidance as our True North;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Troop 8 has been chartered since 1921 by First
22 Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, through the Boy Scouts of
23 America and is the oldest continually chartered troop in the state
24 by the same organization and among the oldest continually
25 chartered in the nation; and

26 WHEREAS, with over 100 scouts currently on the roster, Troop
27 8 has hosted four generations of young men since the 1920s; and

28 WHEREAS, with a proven and consistent outdoor adventure and
29 leadership system to provide a program that enables a scout to
30 achieve his many advancement requirements, Troop 8 has awarded
31 over 660 Eagle Scouts since 1923, ranking it among the highest in
32 the nation; and

33 WHEREAS, with 15 scoutmasters since 1921, Troop 8 has been
34 supported by scores of volunteer Christian leaders passing along a
35 tradition of excellence in the scouting program; and

36 WHEREAS, *The Clarion-Ledger* reported on the first anniversary
37 in January 1922, that "the Acme Bakery has asked the privilege of
38 furnishing the birthday cake for the boys and they look forward to
39 the cutting of it with great pleasure"; and

40 WHEREAS, Troop 8 repeatedly achieves the Gold Level of the
41 Boy Scouts of America Journey to Excellence Award, which
42 encourages excellence and continuous improvement in providing a



quality Boy Scouts of America program, and Troop 8 was also the only unit in the nation to earn the Association of Baptists in Scouting Unit Award of Excellence for three years in a row; and

WHEREAS, among its many acts of service, Troop 8 has participated in the commissioning ceremony of the USS Jackson (LCS-6), the dedication of the Civil Rights Museum and the Mississippi History Museum, the unveiling of the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh National Military Park, and many opportunities to unfurl with honor the new Mississippi State Flag; and

WHEREAS, a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent; and

WHEREAS, Troop 8 has emphasized honorable duty to God and this country throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the scouts, scoutmasters, alumni, parents and sponsors of Troop 8 in celebrating this auspicious event:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, and extend to present and past members of this organization best wishes for the future as they continue the Journey to Excellence.



67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
68 furnished to Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, the Board of Elders
69 of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, and to the
70 members of the Capitol Press Corps.

