

By: Senator(s) Kirby, Blount, Michel,
Barnett, Jackson (11th), McCaughn

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

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

14 WHEREAS, for 100 years, Troop 8's focus has been to encourage
15 young citizens to impact our city, state and nation with Christian
16 service. Troop 8 Scouts learn to listen for God's voice in a
17 silent wilderness and acknowledge His guidance as our True North;
18 and



19 WHEREAS, Troop 8 has been chartered since 1921 by First
20 Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, through the Boy Scouts of
21 America and is the oldest continually chartered troop in the state
22 by the same organization and among the oldest continually
23 chartered in the nation. With over 100 Scouts currently on the
24 roster, Troop 8 has hosted four generations of young men since the
25 1920s; and

26 WHEREAS, with a proven and consistent outdoor adventure and
27 leadership system to provide a program that enables a Scout to
28 achieve his many advancement requirements, Troop 8 has awarded
29 over 660 Eagle Scouts since 1923, ranking it among the highest in
30 the nation. With 15 Scoutmasters since 1921, Troop 8 has been
31 supported by scores of volunteer Christian leaders passing along a
32 tradition of excellence in the scouting program; and

33 WHEREAS, *The Clarion-Ledger* reported on the First Anniversary
34 in January 1922, that "the Acme Bakery has asked the privilege of
35 furnishing the birthday cake for the boys and they look forward to
36 the cutting of it with great pleasure"; and

37 WHEREAS, Troop 8 repeatedly achieves the Gold Level of the
38 Boy Scouts of America Journey to Excellence Award, which
39 encourages excellence and continuous improvement in providing a
40 quality Boy Scouts of America Program, and Troop 8 was also the
41 only unit in the nation to earn the Association of Baptists in
42 Scouting Unit Award of Excellence for three years in a row; and



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

49 WHEREAS, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,
50 courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and
51 reverent. Troop 8 has emphasized honorable duty to God and
52 Country throughout its history; and

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

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

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
63 Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, forwarded to the Board of Elders
64 of First Baptist Jackson, and made available to the Capitol Press
65 Corps.

