

By: Senator(s) McCaughn, Michel

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY  
2 SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 416 IN BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, AND  
3 COMMENDING THE RICH SCOUTING TRADITION IN THE STRONG RIVER  
4 DISTRICT OF THE ANDREW JACKSON COUNCIL.

5 WHEREAS, in March 2024, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 416  
6 in Brandon, Mississippi, celebrated its 50th Anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, for five decades, the Strong River District, Andrew  
8 Jackson Council of the Reservoir Scouting Association has been  
9 preparing young men to make ethical and moral choices over their  
10 lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and  
11 Law; and

12 WHEREAS, since the inception of Troop 416 in March of 1974,  
13 106 young men have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts  
14 of America, Troop 416 has served the reservoir area at St. Mark's  
15 United Methodist Church. Eagle projects are all over the  
16 reservoir area and most can still be recognized as flourishing  
17 staples in the community; and

18 WHEREAS, the unit is now chartered under the Reservoir  
19 Scouting Association and hopes to continue the scouting movement



20 for another 50 years. The Reservoir Scouting Association also  
21 charters the co-ed group Cub Scout Pack 576 that will turn 50  
22 years old later this year. Pack 576 ranges from kindergarten to  
23 fifth grade. Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light,  
24 respectively; and

25 WHEREAS, Girls Troop 2719 is also chartered with the  
26 Reservoir Scouting Association and was installed in February of  
27 2019. It was the first female Scout Troop in the State of  
28 Mississippi. They had their first female Eagle Scout in 2022; and

29 WHEREAS, being a Scout teaches life skills: 64% of Air Force  
30 Academy graduates are Scouts; 63% of West Point graduates are  
31 Scouts; 77% of Annapolis graduates are Scouts; 72% of all Rhodes  
32 Scholars are Scouts; 85% of all FBI agents are Scouts and 57% of  
33 the first 65 astronauts were Scouts; and

34 WHEREAS, for every 100 boys who join a Boy Scout troop: 12  
35 will have their first contact with a church; one will enter the  
36 clergy; eight will enter a career that was learned through the  
37 merit badge system; one will use his Boy Scout skills to save a  
38 life; one will use his Boy Scout skills to save his own life; 17  
39 will become scouting volunteers; and two will become Eagle Scouts;  
40 and

41 WHEREAS, scouting is a wonderful movement, and Troop 416 is  
42 delighted to serve the boys and girls in the reservoir area. Not  
43 only does scouting teach youth, but is also teaches parents and



44 leaders how to live better. Scouting is a way of life for the  
45 rest of one's life. Happy Birthday Troop 416!; and

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
47 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize the 50th Anniversary of  
48 the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 416 in Brandon, Mississippi, and  
49 commend the rich scouting tradition in the Strong River District  
50 of the Andrew Jackson Council.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
52 presented to Michael Lowery, Troop Master at Boy Scouts of  
53 America, Troop 416 in Brandon, Mississippi, forwarded to the  
54 Andrew Jackson Council and be made available to the Capitol Press  
55 Corps.

