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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Twin Rivers Council upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Twin Rivers Council upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, To observe this auspicious Anniversary, the Twin Rivers Council has planned numerous events, some of which have already taken place and some to occur; on February 8, 2010, the official birthday of BSA will be celebrated with Centennial Scouting Day; a Scouting Display at the New York State Museum will showcase scouting memorabilia and historic scouting artifacts; in March of 2010, the Scout Mall Show will exhibit the great things benefited through scouting to all shoppers at numerous venues; in June of 2010, the Centennial Eagle Recognition Dinner will be held to both recognize current Eagle Scouts and identify and energize Eagle Alumni of all ages; in September of 2010, the Pilgrimage to Silver Bay on Lake George, the site of Scouting's First Camp and Training Site, will include a dinner, historical reenactment, silent auction, and limited issue memorabilia; and the yearlong celebration will culminate with the 100th Anniversary Camporee to be held October 1-3, 2010, at Saratoga State Park; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America - incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 - is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, The Twin Rivers Council provides scouting within the following 13 counties: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, Community-based organizations receive national charters to use the Scouting program as a part of their own youth work; these groups, which have goals compatible with those of the Boy Scouts of America include: religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor organizations, governmental bodies, corporations, professional associations, and citizens' groups; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, over 500,000 hours of community service were completed by scouts and volunteers throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, over 350,000 youth were served by more than 60,000 adult volunteers who coached, guided and led them through scouting programs; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 6,000 Boy Scouts of America units - Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts, and Groups - which are chartered by schools, churches, service clubs, fraternal orders and other community groups across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This year, over 60,000 cub scouts, boy scouts and leaders participated in approved camping programs in New York State, and over 700 scouts earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have so manifestly contributed to the preservation of those treasured ideals of compassion, honor, preparedness and concern for others which are so paradigmatic of our American Heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Twin Rivers Council upon the occasion of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America.