

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 24

By: Sweeden of the Senate

5 and

6 Fields of the House

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 1909 Pawhuska  
10 Boy Scout Troop as the first troop organized in  
11 America; congratulating them on their 100th  
12 anniversary; and directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, the first Boy Scout troop organized in America was  
14 formed in Pawhuska in Osage County, Oklahoma, in May 1909 by  
15 Reverend John F. Mitchell, a missionary priest from England sent to  
16 Saint Thomas Episcopal Church by the Church of England; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell, who had been associated in scouting  
18 as Chaplain to Lord Baden-Powell in England, organized the troop of  
19 Boy Scouts under English charter and equipped them with English  
20 uniforms and manuals; and

21 WHEREAS, Pawhuska's troop had the honor of becoming the first  
22 troop of Boy Scouts in America. Their certificate is on exhibit in  
23 the Scout Room of the Osage County Historical Society Museum.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
2 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the 1909 Pawhuska  
5 Boy Scout Troop as the first troop organized in America.

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates the Pawhuska  
7 Boy Scouts upon the 100th anniversary of their founding as the first  
8 Boy Scout troop organized in America and wishes them well as they  
9 celebrate at their Historic Trails Camporee to be held in Pawhuska,  
10 Oklahoma, July 3, 4, and 5, 2009.

11 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the current Boy  
12 Scout Troop in Pawhuska, Oklahoma; the Osage County Historical  
13 Society Museum; and the Oklahoma History Center.

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