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Senate Resolution No. 2013

BY: Senator O'MARA

COMMENDING the Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers Council's Camp Gorton upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary on July 13, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations of high purpose and worthy accomplishment whose endeavors have faithfully served the welfare of the youth of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers Council's Camp Gorton upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary to be celebrated at Camp Gorton on Saturday, July 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, In 1922, Camp Gorton was established on the property of Dr. William Gorton, the first mayor of Corning, New York; the scenic location was on Waneta Lake in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State; in 1924, it was relocated to the other side of the lake after Dr. Gorton and several other local leaders purchased the property; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its century-long existence, Camp Gorton has promoted education, conservation, and leadership values to hundreds of thousands of campers, staff members, and future leaders from the Steuben Area Council, the Five Rivers Council, the community, and the world;

summer camp and year-round camping have been the avenues through which these character-building principles were imparted; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Camp Gorton provides Cub Scout Resident camp and Boy Scout Resident camp; more than 50 merit badges, including nine or more pertaining to Eagle Scout status, are awarded; numerous programs, including the Gorton Trail Hiker Award, Shooting Sports Top Shot Award, Scoutcraft Woodsman Award, Polar Swim and Fish, and Mile Swim, meet the needs of all scouts, regardless of experience levels; and

WHEREAS, The success of Camp Gorton is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers Council's Camp Gorton upon the occasion of celebrating its 100th Anniversary, and to honor its members, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the youth of the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers Council's Camp Gorton.