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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and BSA Troop 1 of Flushing, New York, to be observed on February 6, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that are devoted to instilling in youth the values of community service and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and BSA Troop 1 of Flushing, New York, to be observed on Saturday, February 6, 2010, with a Father and Son Dinner; and

WHEREAS, In addition, BSA Troop 1 will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary Gala at Temple Beth Shalom, on Saturday, May 15, 2010, followed by a 100th Anniversary Picnic and Family Day at Kolping on the Hudson on September 18-19, 2010; and

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

WHEREAS, BSA Troop 1 is the oldest troop in Greater New York Councils and one of the oldest continuously chartered troops in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, following the example of the scouting movement in England, and as an out growth of various groups at the time, which were run to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

WHEREAS, One of those groups was the "Sons of Daniel Boone" which was

organized and run by the noted illustrator, who lived in Flushing at the time; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Carter Beard's neighbor and friend was a young minister named Rollo A. Hamilton, who had a boys club at his Congregational Church; together, they enthusiastically embraced the Scouting program and sought to institute it in the United States; Reverend Hamilton agreed to become the first Scoutmaster of the first Troop in Flushing, and chartered Troop 1 at the same time as Scouting in America was officially organized; and

WHEREAS, Many other troops came into being in the following months and years, in Queens, and eventually all over Queens County; eventually councils were formed, and numbers were issued based on the councils; and

WHEREAS, BSA Troop 1 is based in Queens County, and Daniel Beard established that Troop 1 was the first founded in Queens County; while there have been thousands of troops established since the start of scouting, there are only about 10 troops that have continued in existence since 1910; and

WHEREAS, BSA Troop 1 is sponsored by an organization of parents and other interested adults, often former members of the Troop, which is called "The Dad's Club of Troop 1, Inc."; this organization was founded in 1929, and incorporated with New York State in 1931; and

WHEREAS, BSA Troop 1 continues to enjoy many special activities each year, including those designed for older scouts; they include trips to the Cabin during Easter Week, hiking in the Catskills for a couple of days each Easter, and Canoe Trips every June; and

WHEREAS, The focus of BSA Troop 1 has not only continued to be providing a great scouting experience for all of its members, but for the boys to make long lasting friends and to have fun enjoying the outdoors,

sports, personal advancement and learning to be leaders; the Troop has always emphasized "boy leadership" and continues to produce quality leaders for life; and

WHEREAS, The members and scout leaders of BSA Troop 1 look forward to continuing to support the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law"; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to add its commendation and congratulations on this notable occasion, recognizing the proud history, exemplary efforts and promising future of the Boy Scouts of America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and BSA Troop 1 of Flushing, New York, to be observed on February 6, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to BSA Troop 1 of Flushing, New York.