

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 996

*Commending Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 of Norfolk.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 of Norfolk has worked to instill the timeless values of patriotism and service in boys and young men in the Larchmont-Edgewater neighborhood of Norfolk for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1909 as a values-based program with a mission to teach young people to serve others by adhering to the five core values of Scouting: leadership, character, community service, achievement, and a respect for nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 was chartered on April 22, 1917, at Larchmont United Methodist Church as part of the Tidewater Council; the troop was organized by Fred J. Peterson with 16 original Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 has helped countless Scouts become conscientious, responsible, and productive members of society by providing support, friendship, mentorship, and positive outlets for activity; the troop has grown to include 50 Boy Scouts and adult members; and

WHEREAS, 150 members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 have completed the stringent requirements to achieve the coveted rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, throughout its entire 100-year history, Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 has been continuously chartered by Larchmont United Methodist Church, making it the longest continuously chartered troop in Hampton Roads and one of the longest continuously chartered troops in the country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 of Norfolk on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Boy Scouts of America Troop 24 of Norfolk as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the troop's history and many contributions to the community.

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