



# Tennessee Senate

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men and women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Scout can attain in the Boy Scouts of America Scouts BSA program is that of Eagle Scout, and Rachel A. Oppmann, with considerable effort and diligent preparation, is nearing the end of her Eagle Scout requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America changed the name of its primary Scouting program to Scouts BSA and allowed females to join effective February 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2019, a group of sixteen young women gathered at the Rutherford County Courthouse for a ceremony, attended by officials of the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America and other community leaders, to charter Troop 2019, under the auspices of Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, that ceremony, covered extensively by local, state, regional, and national media on the first day that young women became eligible for membership in Scouts BSA, became a national symbol of the historic moment in scouting; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Courthouse Museum, in honor of this national recognition, chose to recognize and commemorate this ceremony by housing a display and hosting a website built by Life Scout Rachel A. Oppmann of Troop 2019 as her Eagle Scout Project; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Rachel A. Oppmann as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

I, Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, in conjunction with the undersigned, do hereby proclaim that we congratulate and thank both Life Scout Rachel A. Oppmann and the officials of the Rutherford County Courthouse Museum on the inclusion of this display for public inspection and enlightenment.

Proclaimed in Nashville, Tennessee, on this the 21st day of April 2023.

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37th House District

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