1

2

3

4

5 6

7

8

9

10

5

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4721

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE, UNICO, ALFELOR, ALVAREZ (A.), PUENTEVELLA, ZUBIRI, NICOLAS, CODILLA AND TULAGAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1034

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT A BOY SCOUTING AND GIRL SCOUTING RECOGNITION DAY IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT AND GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PATRIOTISM, SERVICE AND CAMARADERIE THAT SCOUTING EXEMPLIFIES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Statement of Policy. – The State hereby reaffirms that the ideals, noble traditions and constructive practices of boy scouting and girl scouting are essential to the proper upbringing of the youth For them to become useful and productive citizens, able to exercise their rights and perform their duties with honor and dedication to the service of their communities and the nation, the scouting movement is hereby encouraged and promoted.

SEC. 2. Recognition Day for Scouting. – In order to emphasize the value and role of the scouting movement, it is hereby mandated that all local government units in the country shall adopt, by appropriate proclamation of the

respective local chief executives, a Girl Scouting Recognition Day and a Boy Scouting Recognition Day within the months of September and October of every calendar year, respectively. This shall be done to give due recognition to the achievements of, and confer honors and awards to, deserving scouters, partners and donors of the scouting movement; and to familiarize the general public with the noble traditions and practices of scouting. Every province, city or municipality shall conduct appropriate programs, projects and activities that shall actively involve the youth in the scouting movement.

SEC. 3. Financial Assistance. – The sanggunian of the provinces, cities and municipalities, respectively, may appropriate as it is hereby authorized to appropriate, such sums of money and/or equipment as may be necessary to properly and adequately bring about the programs and activities of the Boy Scouting and the Girl Scouting Recognition Days herein mandated to be held annually. The support of schools, parent-teachers associations, civic organizations and citizens shall be enlisted to provide donations, in cash or in kind, or services as may be deemed expedient to carry out the purposes and objectives of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,