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Congratulations!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on the celebration of your 100th anniversary.

Since 1910 the Boy Scouts of America have taught millions of youth important lessons about leadership, character and service. For a century the Scouting movement has remained dedicated to encouraging youth to do their best, honor their country, help others, and prepare themselves physically, mentally, and morally to achieve these goals. Over your long history you have always instilled in young people the importance of caring for oneself, being helpful to others, and developing courage, self-reliance, and the will to be ready to serve in an emergency.

The long history of the Boy Scouts of America is truly a testament to your dedication to service in the community and to the commitment of the 1.2 million volunteers annually who support the Scouting movement. The Boy Scouts of America has long had a strong presence here in the Land of Lincoln, and each year Scouts, volunteers, and their families contribute countless hours of service to address vital human needs, in the process setting a wonderful example of service for others to follow.

Congratulations again on this incredible milestone in your organization's history. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor