

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
SCOUTING

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Over the last one hundred years, the Boy Scouts of America has remained devoted to its mission of dedicated service through developing social and moral skills in young men throughout the United States. This organization has produced some of our Nation's best and brightest leaders as a result of a simple creed that was embedded in them as young adults.

In 1909, William Boyce was a lost American in the fog on the streets of London. He encountered a young boy, now known as the "Unknown Scout," who voluntarily assisted him on his way. When Boyce offered compensation for the boy's good deed, the boy declined and stated that he was doing his "Good Turn" as a Scout. On February 8, 1910, Boyce brought the idea of Scouting to the United States and formed the Boy Scouts of America. Since its founding, the organization has been committed to preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Through one hundred years of service, Boy Scouts of America remains dedicated to building the character of servant leaders within our communities. Boy Scouts of America has worked with over one hundred and ten million young adults, two million of which have gone on to become Eagle Scouts. I also applaud the work of the Scouting leaders who are devoted to the mission of mentoring young adults through countless hours of service projects, Pinewood Derby races, and other activities in order to build America's leaders of tomorrow.

On behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I would like to say "thank you" and "congratulations" to the Boy Scouts of America for the tremendous work it has accomplished over the course of one hundred years. By impacting and developing the lives of youth, the Boy Scouts of America has contributed to the development of a responsible and productive America.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program. The House Fellows Program, run by the Office of the House Historian, is a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education American history and government teachers to experience firsthand the inner-workings of Congress. These educators have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, are

dedicated to educating our nation's youth and are truly deserving of our recognition.

One of the goals of the House Fellows Program is to develop curriculum on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. During the program, fellows prepare a brief lesson plan on a Congressional topic of their choosing, which is then shared with the other fellows. These plans will become part of a larger teaching resource database on the House. During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow is responsible for presenting his or her experience and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government.

The House Fellows Program began in 2006, and since then 75 teachers from across the country have participated in this innovative program.

An additional 45 teachers will be taking part in this summer's program. With plans to select a teacher from every Congressional district over the next several years, the House Fellows Program will impact thousands of high school teachers and their students and will energize thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

As a former U.S. history teacher, I believe strongly in the importance of civic education. We must continue our efforts to get our youth involved in the political process in districts across the country. Educating teachers about the "People's House" is one of the best ways to do that. I congratulate the following educators who are participating in the third session of this summer's 2010 House Fellows Program: Ms. Cindy Tatum (TANNER, TN-08), Ms. Betsi Foster (TANNER, TN-08), Mr. John Tenney (DELAURO, CT-03), Ms. Carol Gale (LARSON, CT-01), Mr. Robert Nave (MURPHY, CT-05), Mr. Stephen Miller (VAN HOLLEN, MD-08), Ms. Cristy Lenski (LINDER, GA-07), Ms. Judy Walton (EHLERS, MI-03), Mr. William Reinhart (MCKEON, CA-25), Mr. Herrick Smith (MICA, FL-07), Ms. Shannon Gerlach (ROYCE, CA-40), Ms. Darla Faden (SMITH, NE-03), Ms. Gayla Reimer (MILLER, FL-01), Mr. Kris Vass (GOODLATTE, VA-06) and Mr. Tom Beard (GRAYSON, FL-08).

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Thanks to Dr. Robert Remini and Dr. Fred Beuttler for their outstanding leadership, and Dr. Thomas Rushford, Mr. Anthony Wallis and Mr. Benjamin Hayes for providing the crucial staff support.

Thank you also to the Office of the Historian interns: Ms. Jacqueline Burns, Mr. Michael Karlik, Ms. Madeleine Rosenberg and Ms. Debbie Kobrin.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-SAFE COMPOSITE UTILITY POLES

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to encourage the domestic development, adoption and de-

ployment of recyclable and environmentally-safe composite utility poles for use in the distribution and transmission of electricity. As Congress works to invest in our nation's electricity infrastructure to deliver critical new sources of energy to our cities and towns, it is time we also modernize the electricity delivery infrastructure so that it is more reliable, environmentally-safe, and cost-efficient than the current, century-old model. Our 21st Century electricity infrastructure must meet the changing demands of a diverse society, survive unforeseen natural disasters, and help deliver technology to improve our lives. Composite utility poles meet these demands.

Composite products are made from a variety of components such as glass, resins and fiber reinforcements that, when combined, produce stronger and lighter materials. Composites are integrated into products surrounding us every day, including swimming pools, cars, airplanes, wind turbines, and power plant cooling towers. Composite manufacturing in the United States is a fast growing, \$70-billion industry that employs approximately 550,000 Americans. My legislation will help spread this innovative technology to our nationwide network of approximately 130 million aging wooden utility poles. In the process, we also will create high quality, long-term manufacturing jobs here at home.

Composite utility poles last longer and are considerably lighter than wood, concrete and steel. They do not require treatment with harmful chemicals to prevent decay; as a result, they can be used in environmentally-sensitive areas, such as deserts, marshlands, national parks, forests and monument areas. Composite poles withstand severe weather conditions, including extreme temperature changes and fierce winds. They also are impervious to corrosion and require little maintenance, key issues for places like Chicago that must use salt often during winter to address icy road conditions and lose many steel and wooden poles due to the associated corrosiveness of the salt. In urban areas, composite poles can internally house WiFi and other wireless infrastructure and help clean up streetscapes by replacing unstable and unsightly chemically-treated poles with fewer composite poles. Composite pole life expectancy ranges from two to three times as long as traditional wood poles.

My bill takes two steps to promote the development and use of these utility poles. First, it amends the advanced manufacturing credit to allow the Treasury Department and the Energy Department to consider allocating a credit to the advancement of composite technology for our nation's energy infrastructure. Second, it provides a 30% tax credit to purchasers of composite poles that contain 15% recyclable or bio-content material, are recyclable at the end of their life, and are used for electricity distribution and transmission. This credit is intended as a catalyst to expedite the adoption and deployment of composite utility poles, helping taxpayers invest in this new infrastructure. As such, this credit would expire after five years.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation to ensure that green energy is transported by green infrastructure.