

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

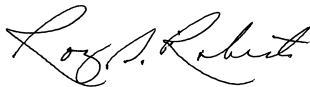
Space Shuttle Columbia

Whereas, the National Executive Board and Advisory Council of the Boy Scouts of America deeply grieves the tragic loss of the seven members of the Columbia space shuttle crew who died on February 1, 2003; and

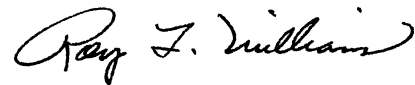
Whereas, of the 293 pilots and scientists selected as astronauts since 1959, 180 have been active in Boy Scouting; and

Whereas, all four of the male American crew members were involved in Scouting in their youth, including Eagle Scout William McCool, Columbia's pilot; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Boy Scouts of America, at its National Executive Board Meeting, here assembled in Dallas, Texas, this 5th day of February 2003, conveys its profound gratitude to the members of Columbia for their ultimate sacrifice in their duty to their country and its deepest sympathy to the families of the crew members.



Roy S. Roberts
President



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