

In celebration of 100 years of Boy Scouting, a new commemorative Boy Scout coin will be circulated beginning Feb. 8 through Jan. 11, 2011.

Nebraska's Senator Ben Nelson and Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) introduced legislation to create a \$1 silver coin to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Under the legislation, the U.S. Mint will produce 350,000 commemorative coins in honor of the anniversary. A share of the proceeds from the sale of the coins will be donated to further scouting activities in underserved areas of the country.

"My times as a Boy Scout were some of my most memorable and important as a young man," said Nelson. "This coin serves as a memorial and a promise to the millions of the scouts in America, both young and old, that the Boys Scouts of America has and will continue to positively shape the lives of young men for many years to come."

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law: to help people at all times, to keep one's self physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Since 1910, over 111 million youth have participated in scouting programs, making it the largest youth organization in the United States.

There are currently three million youth and one million adult leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing programs across the country, accounting for more than 6.5 million hours of community service and 75,000 community improvement projects in the past four years alone.

Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter in 1916. Two hundred and forty-eight members of the 110th Congress have participated in Boy Scouts of America as scouts or adult leaders.

Designs for the coins reflect the 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America. The design chosen for the obverse features a Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and female Venturer saluting. An inscription above reads, "Continuing the Journey" and the centennial dates "1910 2010" are on the left of the image.

The reverse design of the silver dollar features the universal emblem of the Boy Scouts of America. Inscriptions surrounding the logo include "United States of America," "Boy Scouts of America," "Be Prepared," "E Pluribus Unum," and "One Dollar."