**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS AND GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE GIRL SCOUT ORGANIZATION’S ICONIC COOKIE SALE, AS IT PROVIDES GIRLS WITH VALUABLE FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS.

Whereas, the year 2017 marks the hundredth anniversary of the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world, the Girl Scout Cookie Program; and

Whereas, the first known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts occurred in 1917, when the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma baked cookies and sold them in its high school cafeteria as a service project; and

Whereas, the Girl Scout Cookie Program has evolved from humble beginnings, as a simple way for Girl Scout troops to finance activities, into the most powerful and successful financial literacy tool in the world for girls; and

Whereas, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches five essential skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics; and

Whereas, in keeping with the fast pace of the modern world and the Girl Scout mission to provide girls with learning opportunities for the future, Girl Scouts launched Digital Cookie, adding a digital layer to the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program and teaching vital 21st Century business skills, including e-marketing, digital money management, online dashboard usage, and e-commerce; and

Whereas, during the last century of selling these iconic cookies, Girl Scouts have demonstrated their exemplary leadership and philanthropic spirit, in furtherance of making the world a better place, by using their cookie earnings to serve their communities; and

Whereas, today more than fifty-nine million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, and 2.7 million girls and adult volunteers are active members; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate commend both the Girl Scout organization, for its service to the young women of this State, and the Girl Scouts of this State for driving positive change in their communities. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, honor and recognize Girl Scouts of South Carolina, Mountains to Midlands and Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina and celebrate one hundred years of the Girl Scout organization’s iconic cookie sale, as it provides girls with valuable financial literacy skills.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Girl Scouts of South Carolina, Mountains to Midlands and Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina.

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