**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE GIRLS SCOUTS ON THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO DESIGNATE THE YEAR 2012 AS THE “YEAR OF THE GIRL” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Girl Scout movement began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low organized a group of eighteen girls and provided them with the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

Whereas, the goal of Daisy Low was to bring together girls of all backgrounds to develop self‑reliance and resourcefulness and to prepare each girl for diverse roles in society and active citizenship inside and outside the home; and

Whereas, today more than fifty million women in the United States are alumnae of the Girl Scouts, and approximately 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers are active members of the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, the leadership model for the Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls develop skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, cooperation and team building, conflict resolution, advocacy, and other important life skills; and

Whereas, healthy living programs enable each Girl Scout to build the skills necessary to maintain a healthy body, an engaged mind, and a positive spirit, and they teach girls about fitness and nutrition, body image, self‑esteem, and relational issues, especially bullying; and

Whereas, the financial‑literacy programming of Girl Scouts, most notably the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program, helps each girl set financial goals and gain the confidence she needs for taking ultimate control of her own financial future; and

Whereas, two‑thirds of the most accomplished women in public service in the United States were Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts ensures that issues such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, bullying prevention, unhealthy perceptions of beauty as portrayed by much of the media, and many other important issues are brought to the attention of the public so that they can be addressed through public policy at the national, state, and local levels. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and congratulate the Girls Scouts on their one hundredth anniversary, and designate the year 2012 as the “Year of the Girl” in South Carolina.

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

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