**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE GIRL SCOUT ORGANIZATION AND ALL OF ITS GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS WHO HAVE MADE MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND AROUND THE WORLD OVER THE LAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

Whereas, the year 2016 marks Celebrating 100 Years of Changing the World. Since 1916, the Girls Scouts’ Highest Award has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere. Girls who pursue the Gold Award aspire to transform an idea and vision for change into an actionable plan with far‑reaching results; and

Whereas, the Gold Award requires girls in grades 9‑12 to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community through assessing a need, designing a solution, and through completion of their project, inspiring others to sustain it; and

Whereas, the highest award in Girl Scouting honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition; and

Whereas, according to the 2015 Girl Scout Research Institute study, *The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life*, compared with those who have never participated in Girl Scouting, Gold Award recipients exhibit greater sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership opportunities and participation, and community service and civic engagement; and

Whereas, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience helps girls develop a solid foundation in leadership through core programs around science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); environmental stewardship; healthy living; financial literacy; and global citizenship; and

Whereas, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is brought to over 15,000 girls in grades K‑12 across the state of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, applaud the Girl Scout organization and all of its Gold Award recipients who have made meaningful and sustainable change in their communities and around the world over the last one hundred years.

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