**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO APPLAUD THE COMMITMENT GIRL SCOUTING HAS MADE TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED ADVANCEMENT OF GIRLS IN THEIR ROLES AS LEADERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND DECLARE MARCH 12, 2015, GIRL SCOUT DAY IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 1912; and

Whereas, in Girl Scouts, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values, skills, and the world around them and to connect with others in a multicultural environment; and

Whereas, Girl Scouting is continuing a legacy of creating gender‑balanced leadership in the United States and the world in its second century of service to girls by providing them with the tools to become leaders dedicated to making this country and the world a better place; and

Whereas, bearing in mind the worthy goals of ensuring girls’ well‑being and of helping communities commit necessary resources to the development of girls, the Girl Scouts Research Institute recently released state‑by‑state data on the state of girls in all fifty states to assist in gauging the health, happiness, educational attainment, and general welfare of girls across the country; and

Whereas, Girl Scouting has made girls’ financial literacy a high priority in its programs and activities for more than one hundred years and continues to develop financial empowerment programs for girls in grades K‑12 to guarantee another generation of independent female leaders; 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 in December 2014. This new endeavor adds a digital layer to the iconic Girl Scout cookie program and teaches vital twenty‑first‑century business skills, including e‑marketing, digital money management, online dashboard usage, and e‑commerce; and

Whereas, outdoor experiences are an integral part of the Girl Scout leadership experience for girls of all ages. Outdoor activities are woven into the core leadership development program in such a way that girls feel comfortable trying new things and testing their limits. Such experiences enable them to gain confidence and acquire new skills in a safe and supportive all‑girl environment; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring that all girls have the opportunity to explore and build an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to help them develop vital critical‑thinking skills, problem‑solving skills, and collaborative skills; and

Whereas, girls in grades nine through twelve who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through action projects that have sustainable impacts on their communities and beyond are presented the Girl Scouts Gold Award. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the continued advancement of girls in their roles as leaders in South Carolina and declare March 12, 2015, Girl Scout Day in the Palmetto State.

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