**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2021 AS “GIRL SCOUT WEEK” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE GIRL SCOUT MOVEMENT, GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA‑MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS FOR PROVIDING GIRLS WITH A SAFE, INCLUSIVE, ALL‑GIRL SPACE WHERE THEY CAN HONE THEIR SKILLS AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ABILITIES.

Whereas, March 12, 2021 marks the 109th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest and most successful leadership program for girls in the world; and

Whereas, as the world’s premier leadership development organization for girls, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement and has fostered a sense of community in girls for over a century; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts works to champion the ambitions, cultivate the talents, and develop the skills of girls to be leaders; and

Whereas, in these incredibly challenging times, Girl Scouts provides community, consistency, and connection for girls and is a safe haven from uncertainty; and

Whereas, in the time of COVID‑19, Girl Scouts offers girls skill‑building digital programming and experiences that girls can participate in safely from home as they continue their Girl Scout journeys; and

Whereas, at a time when civic education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts has introduced new K–12 civics badges to deepen girls’ understanding of democracy and government, prepare them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivate them to be catalysts for change; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts offers girls twenty-first century programming in science, technology, engineering, and math; the outdoors; entrepreneurship; and more, helping girls develop invaluable life skills and take the lead early and often; and

Whereas, Gold Award Girl Scouts take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

Whereas, today, more than fifty million women are Girl Scout alumni; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina and Girl Scouts of South Carolina‑Mountains to Midlands serve more than ten thousand girls and volunteers across South Carolina. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, recognize the week of March 12, 2021 as “Girl Scout Week” in South Carolina and commend the Girl Scout Movement, Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina, and Girl Scouts of South Carolina‑Mountains to Midlands for providing girls with a safe, inclusive, all‑girl space where they can hone their skills and develop leadership abilities.

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

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