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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA AND HONORING SCOUTING VALUES.

WHEREAS, leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them, too. For 100 years, the Girl Scouts of the USA has inspired millions of American girls to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our Nation's youth by creating a strong foundation of leadership, service and community; and

WHEREAS, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid; and

WHEREAS, within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the United States today are Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts of the USA invite us to learn about its robust organization and its rich history, willingness to tackle important societal issues and commitment to diversity and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, scouting in Mississippi has a long history, from the 1910s to the present day, serving thousands of youths in programs that suit the environment in which they live. There are two Girl Scouts local councils in Mississippi: Girls Scouts of Greater Mississippi (Girl Scouts of Gulf Pines Council and Girl Scouts Council of Middle Mississippi) and Girl Scouts Heart of the South. There are five Girl Scout Camps: Camp Meridale is 160 acres near Meridian, Mississippi, and Camp Iti Kana is 339 acres near Wiggins, Mississippi. Its name is from Choctaw and means friendship. Camp Wahi is in Brandon, Mississippi. Camp Cedar Point is 150 acres on Grenada Lake. Camp Tik-A-Witha is 310 acres of woods and sand dunes near Van Vleet, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi is celebrating with Campsites to Megabytes, a huge festival to commemorate 100 years of inspiring girls to do great things. Special entertainment and activities will include Mad Science, games, crafts and activities from a century of Girl Scouting, a Girl Scout sing-along, plus dozens of booths hosted by local Girl Scout troops and community partners; and

WHEREAS, in the 100 years since Juliette Gordon Low began the Girl Scout journey by gathering together a small group of girls in Savannah, Georgia, Girl Scouts has grown into an organization with 2.6 million girl members. Through the years, it has shown remarkable resilience in meeting the changing needs of girls while remaining faithful to our founder's vision of a safe and supportive environment in which girls can learn and have fun in an informal setting and develop the courage, confidence, and character to become leaders today as well as tomorrow; and

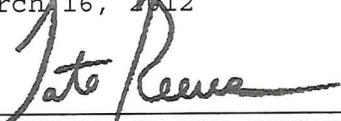
WHEREAS, young people today face more challenges than ever before, but thanks to thousands of dedicated Scouting volunteers and professionals, they also have more opportunities. It is with great honor and pride that we take the time-proven values and traditions of yesterday and combine them with accomplishments of

today to ensure that the values of the Girl Scouts remain strong tomorrow:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we ask all citizens of Mississippi to join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and declaring March 12, 2012, as "Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Day in Mississippi."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi representing the Girl Scouts of the USA, forwarded to the National Office of the Girl Scouts of the USA and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 16, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 20, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES