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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is an organization
3 dedicated to helping girls of all backgrounds and abilities
4 discover their full potential, find lifelong friends, develop
5 leadership skills and new talents, and make the world a better
6 place through a wide variety of enriching experiences,
7 including field trips, skill-building sports clinics,
8 community service projects, cultural exchanges, and
9 environmental stewardships; and

10 WHEREAS, GSUSA was founded by Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low
11 in Savannah, Georgia on March 16, 1912, when the first Girl
12 Scout troop was established and consisted of 18 girls who all
13 shared a sense of curiosity and a belief that they could do
14 anything; at a time in United States history when women could
15 not yet vote and were expected to adhere to strict social
16 norms, such an organization encouraging girls to embrace their
17 unique strengths and create their own opportunities was
18 game-changing and quickly spread across the country and around
19 the globe; and

20 WHEREAS, GSUSA troops are led by troop leaders, a
21 registered Girl Scout adult volunteer who meets regularly with
22 their troop to help members achieve the purposes of the
23 organization, building girls of courage, confidence, and

1 character, and these troops are further led with the
2 assistance of other volunteers, mentors, and alumnae; and

3 WHEREAS, GSUSA consists of six membership ranks across
4 various age levels, and these include Daisies for
5 Kindergartners and first graders, Brownies for second and
6 third graders, Juniors for fourth and fifth graders, Cadettes
7 for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, Seniors for ninth and
8 tenth graders, and Ambassadors for eleventh and twelfth
9 graders; and

10 WHEREAS, GSUSA members contribute to their local
11 communities through programs and service projects, and
12 countless alumnae have become capable leaders in their
13 respective communities and career fields, such as the arts,
14 education, science and technology, and state and federal
15 governments; and

16 WHEREAS, GSUSA continues to promote experiences in the
17 great outdoors while evolving to meet members' needs in this
18 advanced technological age; to do so, the organization has
19 expanded programming to include more STEM subjects, including
20 robotics and space science badges, launched Digital Cookie,
21 through which Girl Scout Cookies were made available for sale
22 online starting in 2014, and partnered with Google for Made
23 with Code, a program encouraging girls to get an early start in

1 computer science; and

2 WHEREAS, In Illinois, GSUSA is represented by tens of
3 thousands of girls across the State and led by five regional
4 councils, the Girls Scouts of Central Illinois, the Girls
5 Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, the Girls Scouts
6 of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the Girls Scouts of
7 Northern Illinois, and the Girls Scouts of Southern Illinois;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, GSUSA will celebrate its 112th birthday on March
10 12, 2024; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize the members and leaders of the Girl Scouts of the
14 USA (GSUSA) in the State of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we encourage the citizens of Illinois to
16 join in appreciation and celebration of the GSUSA for the
17 organization's work on behalf of girls across the State and
18 the country.