

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 612 Session of 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commemorating March 12, 2012, as the 100th
2 anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

3 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low dreamed of an organization that
4 would give each girl an opportunity to develop physically,
5 mentally and spiritually; and

6 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts helped girls emerge from isolated
7 home environments and enter into the world of community service
8 and the open air; and

9 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts hiked, camped, learned to tell time by
10 the stars and studied first aid; and

11 WHEREAS, The organization was founded March 12, 1912, in

1 Savannah, Georgia, when Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls
2 together to register the first troop of American Girl Guides;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The organization's name was changed to the Girl
5 Scouts the following year; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting
7 has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals
8 of courage, confidence and character; and

9 WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing
10 girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in
11 mathematics, science, sports, technology and other fields that
12 can expand their horizons; and

13 WHEREAS, By 1920, the Girls Scouts had nearly 70,000 members
14 nationwide, including the territory of Hawaii; and

15 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low encouraged girls to prepare for
16 possible future roles as professional women in the arts,
17 sciences and business and for active citizenship outside the
18 home; and

19 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout leadership experience allows girls to
20 develop the skills and learn lessons that will serve them for a
21 lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and

22 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts organization welcomed girls with
23 disabilities with open arms at a time when they were often
24 excluded from many other activities; and

25 WHEREAS, From the seed planted by Juliette Gordon Low and
26 those original 18 girls, Girl Scouting has grown to an
27 organization of 3.2 million Girl Scouts, with 2.3 million girl
28 members and 880,000 adult members who work primarily as
29 volunteers; and

30 WHEREAS, The 8,984 troops across Pennsylvania are comprised

1 of 103,574 girl members and 39,352 adult volunteers; and

2 WHEREAS, For a century, participation in the Girl Scouts has
3 helped girls develop their full individual potential, relate to
4 others with increasing understanding, skill and respect, develop
5 values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for
6 sound decision making and contribute to the improvement of
7 society through their abilities, leadership skills and
8 cooperation with others; and

9 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of the USA have designated 2012 as
10 "the Year of the Girl: a celebration of girls, recognition of
11 their leadership potential, and a commitment to creating a
12 coalition of like-minded organizations and individuals in
13 support of balanced leadership in the workplace and in
14 communities across the country"; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
16 commemorate March 12, 2012, as the 100th anniversary of the
17 Girls Scouts and join with the more than three million current
18 Girl Scout members nationwide and the nearly 50 million former
19 Girl Scouts in proudly celebrating a century of the importance
20 and impact of the Girl Scouts on all Pennsylvanians; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
23 Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, 330 Manor Road, Miquon, PA
24 19444; Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, 350 Hale
25 Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17104; and Girl Scouts of Western
26 Pennsylvania, 30 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.