



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Jennifer L. Mann, Democratic Caucus Secretary *JLM*

**DATE:** March 6, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Commemorating 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts

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On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, I will be introducing a resolution commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

From its humble beginnings of 18 girls meeting in Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912, the Girl Scouts organization has grown to 3.7 million girls and adults. Today, more than 50 million women in the U.S. are Girl Scout alumnae. Founder Juliette Gordon Low brought girls of a wide variety of backgrounds together to enjoy the outdoors, build self-reliance and resourcefulness, and prepare for the future.

During World War I, Girl Scouts learned about food conservation, sold war bonds, worked in hospitals, and collected peach pits for use in gas mask filters. During the Great Depression, they led community relief efforts to collect clothing and food for the poor. Girl Scouts operated bicycle courier services, grew Victory Gardens, and taught survival skills during the 1940s and 1950s, and have been firmly entrenched in our society ever since.

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this resolution. Please contact Kira Zickler in my office via e-mail at [kzickler@pahouse.net](mailto:kzickler@pahouse.net).