



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

By Representative Maggart

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Girl Scouts organization on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly pause from time to time to recognize those sterling organizations that, over the courses of their existence, have become the standard bearers of commitment, responsible citizenship, education, self-reliance, and character development; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts is one such remarkable organization, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on March 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950; and

WHEREAS, adhering strongly to its mission statement that "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place," Girl Scouts of the USA serves to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere; and

WHEREAS, today, there are 3.2 million Girl Scouts, and more than 50 million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood; and

WHEREAS, through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts has grown to become the largest leadership organization for girls in the world, girls have the opportunity to achieve several ranks in the organization, including Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, today, under the astute leadership of Agenia Clark of the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, Booth Andrews Kammann of Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians, and Angela Woods of Girl Scouts Heart of the South, there are more than 41,000 Girl Scout troops in Tennessee, and through these, thousands of girls meet regularly with girls of a similar age under the guidance of a trusted adult role model; and

WHEREAS, these troops meet in churches, schools, homes, public housing developments, child care facilities, and community centers; in addition to community service activities, girls earn proficiency badges in many disciplines and explore contemporary issues such as career development, health and fitness, financial literacy, environment action, science and technology, substance abuse prevention, and understanding and appreciating diversity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to activities planned by a troop, girls in Tennessee have broader opportunities to interact with Girl Scouts from other areas by participating in a wide range of council-sponsored programs, such as Centsability, An Income of Her Own, Car Care Clinic, Girl University, Mothers and Daughters, and NASA Girl Scout Day; and

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WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts organization has contributed greatly to the lives of millions of young women over the past century, encouraging girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together; and

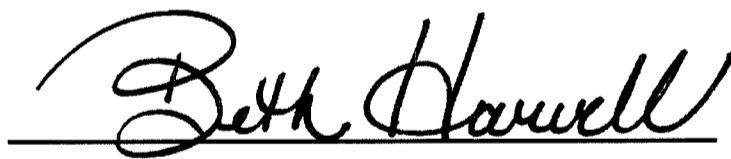
WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness, and it is wholly fitting that the organization be recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with millions of Girl Scouts and volunteer leaders in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts organization and extend to its esteemed members our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MARCH 12, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B". A horizontal line is drawn across the bottom of the signature.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES