
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF HAWAII AND THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR BEING THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE NATION'S LARGEST AND OLDEST GIRL-FOCUSED LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the youth of Hawaii represent our future and the
2 House of Representatives proudly acknowledges the 95th
3 anniversary of the Girl Scouts of Hawaii and 100th anniversary
4 of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and
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6 WHEREAS, before women had the right to vote in the United
7 States, Girl Scouts founder, Juliette Gordon Low, organized the
8 first Girl Scout troop with 18 girls on March 12, 1912, in
9 Savannah, Georgia; and
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11 WHEREAS, five years later, Queen Liliuokalani agreed to
12 have the first Girl Scout troop formed in her honor, and a
13 teacher at Kamehameha School for Girls, Florence Lowe, was the
14 first Girl Scout leader to receive a commission from the
15 national organization; and
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17 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts expanded to Hawaii Island in 1919,
18 Maui in 1920, Molokai in 1924, Kauai in 1933, and Lanai in 1936,
19 making the Girl Scouts of Hawaii the oldest Girl Scout council
20 west of the Mississippi River; and
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22 WHEREAS, today, with over 3.2 million members, including
23 nearly 5,500 in Hawaii, the national Girl Scout movement serves
24 girls in every zip code in the United States and is part of the
25 World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts with over ten
26 million members in 145 counties; and
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28 WHEREAS, driven by its mission, "Girl Scouting builds girls
29 of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a
30 better place", and its timeless values, Girl Scouts has renewed



1 its vision for girls in kindergarten through twelfth grades in
2 its 100th anniversary year; and

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4 WHEREAS, this vision includes the Girl Scout Leadership
5 Experience, which is based on the belief that leaders are not
6 defined by positions or titles, limited by age, or dictated by
7 social-economic status, but are characterized by how they work
8 with others and use their skills and abilities to create
9 positive changes in the world; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience empowers
12 girls to solve 21st century issues at a global level by
13 providing them with innovative ways to learn and lead so they
14 can discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to
15 better their communities, state, and nation, as well as the
16 world; and

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18 WHEREAS, there are over 50 million Girl Scout alumnae,
19 including 80 percent of women business owners, 69 percent of
20 female United State Senators, 67 percent of female members of
21 the United States House of Representatives, and nearly every
22 female astronaut who has flown in space; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2012, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates the
27 Girl Scouts of Hawaii and Girl Scouts of the United States of
28 America for being the State of Hawaii and the nation's largest
29 and oldest girl-focused leadership organizations, acknowledges
30 their many years of accomplishments, and expresses its warmest
31 aloha and best wishes for continued success in all their future
32 endeavors.

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