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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of Central Texas are selling cookies
2 in 46 counties from January 21 to February 27, 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated to building character and developing
4 leadership, confidence, and social awareness among its members,
5 Girl Scouts of the USA has been conducting the cookie fund-raiser
6 since December 1917, and today this program remains an important
7 component of the Girl Scout business and economic literacy
8 initiative; by selling cookies, girls learn such life skills as
9 money management, teamwork, and public speaking; revenue from the
10 Girl Scout Cookie Program is directed toward the recruitment and
11 training of volunteer leaders, financial assistance to keep the
12 scouting program available to all, and the improvement of camps and
13 other sites, as well as toward the troops' own activities; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2008, more than 11,000 Girl Scouts in Central
15 Texas sold 1.97 million boxes of cookies and raised approximately
16 \$6.8 million for the council and over \$260,000 for troop programs,
17 which included more than 5,000 community service projects; in
18 addition, these fine young Texans collected nearly 50,000 boxes of
19 cookies to send to U.S. troops overseas; and

20 WHEREAS, By inspiring young women to become leaders and
21 providing them with a solid foundation for future achievement, the
22 Girl Scout councils of Central Texas are enriching countless lives
23 and developing a host of engaged and thoughtful citizens who
24 realize the value of giving back to their communities; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend the Girl Scouts of Central Texas for
4 their community service efforts and extend to them sincere best
5 wishes for a successful Girl Scout Cookie Program in 2009; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Girl Scouts of Central Texas as an expression of
9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.