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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Operation Cookie program provides a taste of
2 home to American military personnel around the world, and from
3 January 19 to February 25, 2011, the Girl Scouts of Central Texas
4 are collecting boxes of donated cookies for servicemen and
5 servicewomen as part of their annual cookie sale; and

6 WHEREAS, The cookie fund-raiser has been an important part of
7 the Girl Scouts' business and economic literacy initiative every
8 year since December 1917, helping girls learn such life skills as
9 money management, teamwork, and public speaking; in 2010, 12,692
10 Girl Scouts in Central Texas sold 2,109,912 boxes, raising more
11 than \$5 million to support their activities; and

12 WHEREAS, For the past six years, Operation Cookie has been
13 part of the GSCTX cookie drive, as Girl Scouts send boxes of donated
14 cookies and letters of support to U.S. military men and women who
15 are serving at home or overseas, as well as to wounded veterans
16 recovering in military and veterans hospitals; GSCTX works with
17 Operation Interdependence and Soldiers' Angels to ship care
18 packages to troops overseas; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2010, Operation Cookie collected 43,501 boxes of
20 cookies, created 18,945 care packages, and sent 25,000 letters to
21 service personnel; cookies were distributed to such places as the
22 Brooke Army Medical Center, the VA hospitals in Waco and Temple,
23 Goodfellow Air Force Base, and Fort Hood, among many other
24 destinations; and

1 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout movement inspires young women to
2 become leaders and provides them with a solid foundation for future
3 achievement, and the Girl Scouts of Central Texas may take great
4 pride in their special efforts in behalf of the men and women of
5 America's armed forces; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the start of Operation Cookie 2011
8 and commend all participants for their support of our brave troops
9 at home and abroad; and, be it further

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