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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts across Texas are celebrating the 103rd
2 anniversary of the founding of their organization on March 12,
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low in
5 Savannah, Georgia, in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA began forming
6 troops in Texas just five years later; membership in the Lone Star
7 State now exceeds 160,000, and more than 55,000 adult volunteers
8 provide guidance; and

9 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts today engage in a variety of activities
10 that help them to articulate and act on their values, develop
11 skills, and discover the world around them; they connect with
12 others in a multicultural environment, and they prepare to take on
13 leadership roles, thereby furthering the organization's tradition
14 of promoting greater gender balance in society; and

15 WHEREAS, Financial literacy has long been a high priority,
16 and the famous cookie program teaches Girl Scouts important aspects
17 of business, including such modern techniques as e-marketing and
18 digital money management; encouraging greater involvement by women
19 in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, the
20 customized Girl Scout STEM program enhances critical thinking,
21 problem-solving, and collaboration, and participants have competed
22 in national robotics contests; and

23 WHEREAS, Always an integral component of the Girl Scout
24 experience, outdoor activities allow girls to try new things and

1 test their limits, gaining confidence and acquiring skills in a
2 safe, supportive, all-female environment; moreover, the Girl Scout
3 Research Institute is contributing to the well-being of youngsters
4 by releasing state-by-state assessment data that can enable
5 communities to better allocate resources to promote the health,
6 happiness, and educational attainment of girls; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than a century, Girl Scouts
8 of the USA has nurtured generations of strong, independent female
9 leaders, and Texas Girl Scouts may indeed take pride in the rich
10 heritage of their organization; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 103rd anniversary of Girl Scouts
13 of the USA and extend to all Texas Girl Scouts and their leaders
14 sincere best wishes for the future.