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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas is making a positive 2 and lasting difference in the lives of countless young women in the 3 San Antonio area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, A chartered council of Girl Scouts of the USA, GSSWT
is headquartered at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center
in San Antonio and serves nearly 18,500 Girl Scouts from 21 counties
in Southwest Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, This outstanding nonprofit seeks to equip girls with 9 the knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders, encouraging them to maintain healthy lifestyles, care for the environment, 10 study new technologies, and take pride in their country; with the 11 12 help of a team of committed adult volunteers, GSSWT offers a variety of fun and educational activities and programs, including Camp 13 14 Metro, a day camp at the West Side Girl Scout Leadership Center; the council also operates Camp La Jita, a facility along the Sabinal 15 16 River, where scouts can enjoy stays of a week or longer; and

WHEREAS, Partially supported through the sale of Girl Scout 17 cookies, GSSWT is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the cookie 18 program in 2017; now available from troops throughout the nation 19 20 and even online, the first Girl Scout cookies made their debut in 21 1917, when a troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, began selling homemade treats to raise money; over the succeeding years, the cookies 22 23 became a cornerstone of the Girl Scout experience, one that not only provides financial support for vital initiatives and community 24

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1 service projects but also helps members acquire skills in 2 entrepreneurship, goal setting, and teamwork; and

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3 WHEREAS, Inspiring young women to take charge of their 4 destinies and effect positive change in the world, Girl Scouts of 5 Southwest Texas is helping to foster a generation of engaged and 6 thoughtful citizens, and it is indeed deserving of recognition for 7 its efforts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 9 Legislature hereby commend Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas for 10 enriching the lives of many young Texans and extend to all those 11 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for the 12 future; and, be it further

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

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