

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 56

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, Goldberg. Girl Scouts.

This measure would commend the Girl Scouts for 93 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism.

WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 12, 2005, marks the 93rd anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts with just 18 girls and a dream in which she envisioned “something for all the girls,” to enable them to better serve their communities, experience the outdoors, and contribute to national and international social development; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-three years later, her efforts are responsible for creating the largest girl-serving organization in the world with membership surpassing 2.8 million nationally, of which 343,000 are girls in California; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide 233,000 troops provide opportunities for girls between 5 and 17 years of age to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together, as Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, and Senior Scouts; and

WHEREAS, During the 1960s, the Girl Scouts began programs and projects focused on overcoming prejudice and building relationships with those of all ages, religions, classes, and races; and

WHEREAS, That same social consciousness continues today as the Girl Scouts promote the ideals of acceptance, understanding, cultural awareness, and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts is an organization with a proud history of inclusion and acceptance, and has historically promoted diversity in its membership by accepting all girls and women, regardless of their religion, nationality, economic background, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their focus on the world around them, the Girl Scouts strive to develop each girl's potential through skill building, technological awareness, self-esteem and image promotion, and countless other opportunities that motivate and empower girls to grow and become leaders in their own right; and

WHEREAS, Because of this focus, Girl Scouts will lead businesses and communities and take active roles in mathematics, science, technology, and the arts and are striving to fulfill our country's economic needs; and

WHEREAS, One in four American women has been a Girl Scout and the organization is committed to outreach efforts reflective of their theme "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, Some 50 million women have enjoyed the benefits of the Girl Scout program, as an American tradition, for 93 years; and

WHEREAS, Of the 37 women currently serving in the California Legislature, at least 11 were members of, or leaders in, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, including Assembly Members Chu, Daucher, Karnette, Lieber, Pavley, and Runner, and Senators Alquist, Bowen, Escutia, Migden, and Romero; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature acknowledges with pride the significant role the Girl Scouts has played in mentoring young women throughout California and the nation, as an organization "where girls grow strong"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for 93 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the people of California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate to this occasion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.