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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 46**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana**  
(Coauthor: Senator Wolk)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to ~~Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day: the Girl Scouts.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 46, as amended, Saldana. ~~Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day: Girl Scouts.~~

*This measure would commend the Girl Scouts for 98 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of confidence, courage, and character.*

~~This measure would proclaim the month of March 2010 as Women’s History Month and urge all Californians to join in the celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2010.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     *WHEREAS, Friday, March 12, 2010, marks the 98th anniversary*
- 2     *of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and*
- 3     *WHEREAS, In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl*
- 4     *Scouts with just 18 girls and a dream in which she envisioned*
- 5     *“something for all the girls,” to enable them to better serve their*
- 6     *communities, experience the outdoors, and contribute to national*
- 7     *and international social development; and*

1     *WHEREAS, Ninety-eight years later, her efforts are responsible*  
2     *for creating the largest girl-serving organization in the world with*  
3     *3.4 million members throughout the United States and in more*  
4     *than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas; and*

5     *WHEREAS, Nationwide 236,000 troops provide opportunities*  
6     *for girls between 5 and 17 years of age to discover the fun,*  
7     *friendship, and power of girls together; as Daisy Girl Scouts,*  
8     *Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, and*  
9     *Senior Scouts; and*

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

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

17    *WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts is an organization with a proud*  
18    *history of inclusion and acceptance, and has historically promoted*  
19    *diversity in its membership by accepting all girls and women,*  
20    *regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, economic*  
21    *background, national origin, disability, or medical condition; and*

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

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

31    *WHEREAS, One in four American women has been a Girl Scout*  
32    *and the organization is committed to outreach efforts representing*  
33    *its reputation as the premier voice for girls and an expert on their*  
34    *growth and development; and*

35    *WHEREAS, Some 50 million women have enjoyed the benefits*  
36    *of the Girl Scout program, as an American tradition, for 98 years;*  
37    *now, therefore, be it*

38    RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
39    CALIFORNIA, THE SENATE THEREOF CONCURRING, *That*  
40    *the Legislature acknowledges with pride the significant role the*

1 *Girl Scouts has played in mentoring young women throughout*  
2 *California and the nation, as an organization “where girls grow*  
3 *strong”;* and be it further

4 RESOLVED, *That the Legislature commends the Girl Scouts*  
5 *of the United States of America for 98 years of service and for*  
6 *inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of confidence,*  
7 *courage, and character;* and be it further

8 RESOLVED, *That the Legislature encourages the people of*  
9 *California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate*  
10 *to this occasion;* and be it further

11 RESOLVED, *That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit*  
12 *copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

13 ~~WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic~~  
14 ~~background have participated in the founding and building of our~~  
15 ~~nation, have made historic contributions to the growth and strength~~  
16 ~~of our nation, and have played a critical role in shaping the~~  
17 ~~economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society, not in the least~~  
18 ~~of ways through their participation in the labor force, working both~~  
19 ~~inside and outside the home; and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for~~  
21 ~~social change, including their own movement for suffrage and~~  
22 ~~equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize~~  
23 ~~labor unions, and the civil rights movement, as well as leading the~~  
24 ~~call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and~~

25 ~~WHEREAS, In light of these efforts and the achievements of~~  
26 ~~all American women, we take this opportunity to honor women~~  
27 ~~and their contribution to the development of our society and our~~  
28 ~~world; and~~

29 ~~WHEREAS, The celebration of Women’s History Month will~~  
30 ~~provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus~~  
31 ~~attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women~~  
32 ~~of California and the United States, and for students, in particular,~~  
33 ~~to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and~~

34 ~~WHEREAS, Women’s History Month will include International~~  
35 ~~Women’s Day on March 8, which was originally proclaimed in~~  
36 ~~1910 to recognize and commemorate the valuable contributions~~  
37 ~~women have made to the labor movement in improving working~~  
38 ~~conditions, and thus bettering people’s lives; and~~

39 ~~WHEREAS, Women’s History Month will be not only a call to~~  
40 ~~acknowledge the outstanding American women whose names we~~

1 know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have  
2 anonymously shaped our collective past; and

3 WHEREAS, The achievements of women who have gone before  
4 us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow's  
5 history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence  
6 against women, discrimination and harassment in employment,  
7 and the relegation to poverty status of many women, and by  
8 advocating for the full participation of women in the economic  
9 and political arena, the provision of adequate child care, respect  
10 for those who choose homemaking and motherhood as their career,  
11 and equal access to all of the opportunities this great nation has to  
12 offer; and

13 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement  
14 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of women's  
15 role in making history and shaping the cultural and societal makeup  
16 of California and the United States, and because it is a rich part of  
17 our common heritage, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief  
18 that the opportunity for complete human dignity should not be  
19 denied to one-half of the state and the nation; now, therefore, be  
20 it

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
22 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
23 proclaims the month of March 2010 as Women's History Month  
24 and urges all Californians to join in the celebration of International  
25 Women's Day on March 8, 2010; and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
27 of this resolution to the Chair of the California Legislative  
28 Women's Caucus for distribution to appropriate organizations.