

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 176

Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 176—Relative to the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 176, as introduced, Cristina Garcia. Girl Scouts of America Gold Award.

This measure would commend Girl Scouts of America upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award, applaud the vital role the organization has played in the lives of countless girls and young women, and extend best wishes for its continued success in the future.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The year 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 Girl Scouts of America’s Gold Award, the highest honor presented
3 by the organization to its most exceptional scouts, and in
4 recognition thereof it is appropriate to underscore the positive
5 impact of this valued tradition and commend the efforts of the
6 countless women who include themselves among the ever-growing
7 community of Gold Award recipients; and
8 WHEREAS, Established in 1912—a time when women in the
9 United States could not yet vote—as a single troop of 18 girls in
10 Savannah, Georgia, Girls Scouts of America was conceived by
11 Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, who envisioned an organization that

1 would prepare girls to meet the world with courage, confidence,
2 and character. Providing girls and young women the opportunity
3 to join together for companionship, community service, and
4 participation in constructive and worthwhile group activities, the
5 organization today encompasses nearly three million scouts in 92
6 countries and more than 59 million alumnae; and

7 WHEREAS, A prestigious award that requires a true
8 commitment to Girl Scouts and the completion of a
9 community-oriented project that requires one to two years of effort,
10 the Gold Award and its preceding equivalents have been awarded
11 to more than one million girls since its inception in 1916.
12 Recipients entering military service and university studies are
13 presented greater opportunities and often distinguish themselves
14 among their peers as clear leaders and role models; and

15 WHEREAS, The Gold Award originated as the Gold Eaglet
16 insignia, which was used from 1916 to 1939, and as the
17 organization evolved over the years so too did the honor.
18 Exemplary scouts earned the Curved Bar Award from 1940 to
19 1963, the First Class Award from 1963 to 1980, and, from 1980
20 to the present, the Gold Award, inspiring their peers to find
21 greatness inside themselves and share their ideas and passions with
22 their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of America allows young girls to
24 establish strong bonds of friendship and obtain a sense of “family”
25 from within the group, and these girls go on to gain experiences
26 and knowledge that may not otherwise be available to them; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature commends Girl Scouts
30 of America upon the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Girl
31 Scout Gold Award, applauds the vital role the organization has
32 played in the lives of countless girls and young women, and extends
33 best wishes for its continued success in the future; and be it further

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