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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY REPRESENTATIVES KATRINA JACKSON, BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, HILL, HODGES, NANCY LANDRY, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, THIERRY, WHITNEY, AND WOODRUFF AND SENATORS BROOME, BUFFINGTON, DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, May 22, 2014, as "Girl Scouts of the United States of America Day"

at the Louisiana State Capitol and the one hundred second anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting.

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the United States of America is the world's largest preeminent organization dedicated solely to all girls everywhere and to helping girls build character and gain skills for success in the real world; and

WHEREAS, in 2013-2014, the Girl Scouts of Louisiana–Pines to the Gulf Council served almost eight thousand girls in six program levels; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the Girl Scouts' one hundred second anniversary and Juliette Gordon Lowe, who founded the Girl Scouts in 1912; and

WHEREAS, since its founding on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Lowe, Girl Scouts' membership has grown to nearly four million members throughout the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and commend the Girl Scouts of Louisiana–Pines to the Gulf; and

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scouts of the USA, girls can see the world and their place in it by learning the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has welcomed girls and women from every background as members and has inspired them with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout program is based on leadership development, discovering a strong sense of self and positive values, connecting with others to build healthy

relationships and advance diversity in a multicultural world, and taking action to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, through the guidance of trained adults, girls between the ages of five and seventeen are offered a variety of opportunities to explore numerous topics, including leadership, math, science, technology, health, fitness, sports, environmental education, the arts, and global awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest national award in Girl Scouting, with national standards; it represents the time, leadership, creativity, and effort girls contribute to making their communities better; the young women who have earned the 2014 Girl Scout Gold Award and will advance to become community leaders are Ashley Wright from Crowley, Louisiana, and Stephanie Warner from Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, during the past one hundred two years, over fifty-five million American women have participated in Girl Scouting, and this enduring tradition continues to strengthen individual communities and our society as a whole.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 22, 2014, as "Girl Scouts of the United States of America Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol and the one hundred second anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting, does hereby commend the organization for its many contributions and continued dedication to girls in the United States of America and around the world, and does hereby welcome members of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as they visit the capitol on this special and memorable occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby recognize and commend Girl Scouting of Louisiana–Pines to the Gulf.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and to Girl Scouts of Louisiana–Pines to the Gulf.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE