

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 645

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A RESOLUTION to designate March 12, 2012, as "Girl Scout Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly pause from time to time to pay recognition to those sterling organizations which, over the courses of their existence, have become the standard bearers of commitment, responsible citizenship, education, self-reliance, and character development; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts is one such remarkable organization, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on March 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly in its mission that "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place," Girl Scouts of the USA serves to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere; and

WHEREAS, today, there are 3.2 million Girl Scouts, and more than 50 million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood; and

WHEREAS, through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions

and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts has grown to become the largest leadership organization for girls in the world, with the opportunity for girls to achieve several ranks in the organization, including Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts organization has contributed greatly to the lives of millions of young women over the past century, encouraging girls to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness, and it is wholly fitting that they be recognized by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate March 12, 2012, as "Girl Scout Day" in Tennessee, congratulate the Girl Scouts organization on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, and extend to its millions of esteemed members our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.