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8 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD
9 AND RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH-CENTRAL ALABAMA AND
10 GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ALABAMA.

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12 WHEREAS, for over a century, Girl Scouts has
13 inspired girls to lead with courage, confidence, and
14 character; and

15 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Movement began on March 12,
16 1912, when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, a native of Savannah,
17 Georgia, organized a group of 18 girls and provided them with
18 the opportunity to develop physically, intellectually,
19 socially, and spiritually; and

20 WHEREAS, the goal of Daisy Low was to bring together
21 girls of all backgrounds to develop self-reliance and
22 resourcefulness, helping them to discover their strengths,
23 passions, and talents; and

24 WHEREAS, shortly after the inception of the Girl
25 Scout Movement, it was decided that there should be a special
26 recognition for girls who represented the very best of Girl

1 Scouts; girls who, through their courage, tenacity,
2 dedication, and skill, took action in their communities; and

3 WHEREAS, one hundred years ago, in 1916, the Golden
4 Eaglet was introduced and though the name has changed over the
5 years, from Golden Eaglet to the Curved Bar Award, to First
6 Class, and, for the past 35 years, the Gold Award, the
7 conviction, dynamism, and idealism it takes to earn the
8 highest award in Girl Scouting has not; and

9 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award represents these
10 ideals in their highest form, calling on Girl Scouts in grades
11 9-12 to take on projects that have a measurable impact on
12 their community by first assessing a need, designing a
13 solution, completing their project, and inspiring others to
14 sustain it; and

15 WHEREAS, the Gold Award, like the girls who earn it
16 and the projects they undertake, stands as an enduring symbol
17 of the fortitude and personal strength of a Girl Scout,
18 acknowledging each young woman's power and dedication to not
19 only better herself, but to improve the world for others; and

20 WHEREAS, a girl who earns the Girl Scout Gold Award
21 joins an elite circle of fewer than six percent of Girl Scouts
22 annually, and may be eligible for advanced rank when enlisting
23 in the U.S. Armed Forces or for scholarships at some
24 universities and colleges; and

25 WHEREAS, Gold Award recipients report a more
26 positive sense of self, are more engaged civically and in
27 community service, have more confidence in their leadership

1 abilities, and experience great life satisfaction and success;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, with the Gold Award Centennial upon us,
4 Girl Scouts invites alumnae and supporters everywhere to
5 "Celebrate 100 Years of Changing the World"; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we congratulate the Girl
8 Scouts and Gold Award recipients everywhere on the centennial
9 of the Girl Scout Gold Award and direct that copies of this
10 resolution be presented to Dr. Liz Brent, CEO of the Girl
11 Scouts of Southern Alabama and Karen Peterlin, CEO of the Girl
12 Scouts of North-Central Alabama with best wishes for
13 continuing success in all future endeavors.