

House Resolution 253

By: Representative Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 7, 2023, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending the
2 Girl Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in
3 the world to American girls; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than a century ago, native Savannahian Juliette Gordon Low started the
5 movement known as Girl Scouts. Beginning with the first gathering of 18 girls in Savannah
6 on March 12, 1912, Juliette broke the conventions of the time by reaching across class,
7 clutural, and ethnic boundaries to ensure that all girls, including those with disabilities, had
8 a place to grow and develop their talents and leadership skills; and

9 WHEREAS, the life mission of Juliette Gordon Low was to build girls of courage,
10 confidence, and character; and

11 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience encourages girls to develop a strong sense
12 of self, connect to their communities both locally and globally, and feel empowered to make
13 a difference in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers hands-on, girl-led, girl-centered learning in STEM, the
15 outdoors, and entrepreneurship, and provides abundant opportunities to help girls develop
16 invaluable life skills; and

17 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn,
18 acknowledges each recipient's power and dedication to not only bettering herself but also to
19 making the world a better place for others; and

20 WHEREAS, more than 59 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, and 2.6 million
21 girls and adult volunteers are active members; and

22 WHEREAS, today the Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia and Greater Atlanta Councils serve
23 approximately 75,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Georgia, in every corner of the
24 state; and

25 WHEREAS, the movement started by Juliette Gordon Low now reaches every corner of the
26 world, with Girl Scouts living throughout the United States, its territories, and in more than
27 90 countries across the globe; and

28 WHEREAS, this tradition of leadership continues today in our state, as all of Georgia's
29 women legislators are members of Honorary Girl Scout Troop 2012.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body recognize February 7, 2023, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol
32 and commend the Girl Scouts as a national leader in developing girls of courage, confidence,
33 and character.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Sue
36 Else, chief executive officer of the Girls Scots of the Historic Georgia Council, and Amy
37 Dosik, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the Greater Atlanta Council.