

## House Resolution 866

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Silcox of the 53<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 6, 2024, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending Girl  
2 Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the  
3 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 cultural, 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, and 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, there are 43,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Georgia in every  
23 corner of the state; and

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

27 WHEREAS, today, the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia and Greater Atlanta Councils serve  
28 approximately 43,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Georgia; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize February 6, 2024, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol

33 and commend the Girl Scouts as a national leader in developing girls of courage, confidence,  
34 and character.

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