

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Thursday, May 22, 2014, as Girl Scouts of the USA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the Girl Scouts of the USA on their one hundred second anniversary.

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's largest preeminent organization dedicated solely to all girls everywhere helping 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, founded on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts' membership has grown to nearly four million members throughout the United States and around the world; 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 to join, 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 multi-cultural 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 a girl's time, leadership, creativity and effort contributed to making her community better; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding young women who have earned the 2014 Girl Scout Gold Award are Ashley Wright, of Crowley, Louisiana, and Stephanie Warner, of 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 Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 22, 2014, as Girl Scouts of the USA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol, and does hereby commend this organization for its many contributions over the past one hundred two years and their continued dedication to girls in the USA and around the world, and does hereby welcome the members of the Girl Scouts of the USA as they visit the capitol on this special and memorable occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the Girl Scouts of the USA and to the Girl Scouts of Louisiana-Pines to the Gulf Council.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE