

HOUSE RESOLUTION 409

By Cobb J

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Girl Scout Troop Nos. 40070 and 40314 for sending cookies to American troops serving overseas.

WHEREAS, this general assembly takes great pride in paying tribute to those estimable public servants who have given generously of themselves to cheer and comfort our brave servicemen and women who are serving their country far from home; and

WHEREAS, the members of Girl Scout Troop Nos. 40070 and 40314 in Rhea County are certainly such young women who have brought comfort to many through their kindness and generosity; and

WHEREAS, these selfless and patriotic citizens sent twenty-two cases of cookies to American troops serving overseas as a way to express appreciation for their gallant efforts, offer them hope, and provide these American sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands, and wives with a taste of home, and hopefully making their days a little brighter; and

WHEREAS, Troopers Alaura, Bridget, Hannah, Kaylin, Kennedy, Lydia, and Melissa composed beautiful notes which were attached to each box of cookies and thanked the soldiers for their heroic service and dedication to country; and

WHEREAS, included in each package was a "Cross in my Pocket," which the cadet girls constructed for their Silver Award; and

WHEREAS, a total of eight cases of cookies were sent to the 278<sup>th</sup> out of Chattanooga and seven cases of cookies each were shipped to both Spc. Benjamin Holloway and Sgt. James Pearce, two local servicemen; and

WHEREAS, this heartfelt project would not have been possible without the gracious generosity and enthusiastic support of VEC, who assisted with the cost of shipping the cookies, and the countless Rhea County citizens and businesses who donated the cookies, including BE

Lenoir, Farm Bureau, First Bank of Tennessee, Hasslers Drug Store, Lazy Boy, SSM Industries, Inc., and Vaughn Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, the girl scouts' display of empathy, compassion, and patriotism surely bodes well for their future success in their troops and throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the youth of our country face tremendous challenges, the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is one of this nation's greatest assets, just as Troops 40070 and 40314 are a great asset to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of Girl Scout Troop Nos. 40070 and 40314 are wholly committed to the noble precepts of patriotism and public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend the members of Girl Scout Troop Nos. 40070 and 40314 for graciously donating their time and energies towards the shipping of cookies to American troops serving overseas, and we wish these remarkable young ladies all the best in 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.