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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTS SELLING COOKIES.

WHEREAS, the year 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts participating in what has evolved into the largest entrepreneurial training program for girls in the world: the Girl Scout Cookie Program; and

WHEREAS, the first known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts occurred in 1917 when the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, baked cookies and sold them in the school cafeteria as a service project; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings as a way for Girl Scout troops to finance activities, the Girl Scout Cookie Program has become the most powerful and successful financial literacy tool in the world for girls; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches five essential skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the fast-paced times of the modern world and the Girl Scouts mission to provide girls with
learning opportunities for the future, Girl Scouts launched Digital Cookie, a digital layer added to the Girl Scout Cookie Program that teaches vital 21st Century business skills including e-marketing, digital money management, online dashboard usage, and e-commerce; and

WHEREAS, during a century of selling their iconic cookies, Girl Scouts demonstrated exemplary leadership and philanthropic spirit by using cookie earnings to do remarkable things within their communities that reflect the organization's important mission; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts consistently drive positive change in their communities thanks in part to the cookie sale, doing what they can to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 59 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae and 2.7 million girls and adult volunteers are active members; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is brought to over 20,000 girls in grades $K-12$ across the State of Alabama; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud the Girl Scout Movement and the two Alabama councils, Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama and Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, for achieving this amazing milestone and for 100 years of girls
learning financial literacy through the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program.

