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Recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 111th birthday and celebrating its legacy of providing girls with a safe, inclusive space where they can explore their world, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a life of leadership.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2023

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. ERNST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 111th birthday and celebrating its legacy of providing girls with a safe, inclusive space where they can explore their world, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a life of leadership.

Whereas March 12, 2023, marks the 111th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America (referred to in this preamble as “Girl Scouts”), the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world;

Whereas, as of 2023, more than 50,000,000 women trailblazers, visionaries, and leaders are Girl Scouts alumnae who have made the world a better place;

Whereas, in July, 2023, Girl Scouts will host its triennial convention where more than 10,000 girls, alumnae, and supporters from across the movement will gather to explore, create, and grow alongside thousands of fellow change-makers, dreamers, and doers;

Whereas, during a time when girls are dealing with the impact of COVID–19 pandemic-related learning loss, Girl Scouts offers important out-of-school and afterschool learning enrichment and skill building opportunities that expand their world, allow them to cultivate their talents, and ensure they can confidently pursue their passions and make the world a better place;

Whereas, since its founding, Girl Scouts has emphasized public service and civic engagement and has fostered in girls a sense of community;

Whereas, during a time when girls are experiencing increased levels of anxiety, stress, loneliness, and depression, Girl Scouts continues to provide community, consistency, and connection for girls and is a safe haven in all the uncertainty;

Whereas the commitment of the Girl Scouts to getting girls outdoors, including through exciting summer camp experiences, instills a lifelong appreciation for nature and the environment that is more critical than ever as the United States emerges from the COVID–19 pandemic;

Whereas, at a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics programming that deepens their understanding of democracy and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to take action on issues that are important to them;

Whereas Girl Scouts offers girls 21st-century programming in science, technology, engineering, math, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and beyond, helping girls develop invaluable life skills;

Whereas, to earn the Gold Award, Girl Scouts take on projects that have a measurable and sustainable impact on a community by assessing a need, designing a solution, completing a project, and inspiring others to sustain it; and

Whereas, as a member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is—

(1) part of an international sisterhood of 10,000,000 girls and young women in 152 countries; and

(2) committed to offering girls more opportunities to engage with communities worldwide, make meaningful global connections, and explore global citizenship: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes Girl Scouts of the United States
3 of America for 111 years of providing girls with a
4 safe, inclusive, all-girl space where those girls can
5 hone their skills and develop leadership abilities;

6 (2) congratulates all Girl Scouts who earned the
7 Gold Award in 2022; and

8 (3) encourages Girl Scouts of the United States
9 of America to continue to champion the ambitions,
10 nurture the creativity, and support the talents of fu-
11 ture women leaders.

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