

Reps. Darany, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Byrum, Constan, Cotter, Durhal, Geiss, Horn, LeBlanc, Lindberg, Liss, Lori, Poleski, Segal and Slavens offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 194.**

A resolution to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

Whereas, The Girl Scouts were founded on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon Low. After meeting Boy Scout founder, Robert Baden-Powell, Juliette felt that the young women of her community deserved the opportunity to be involved in an organization that would empower girls and teach them the values of honesty, fairness, and respect; and

Whereas, Juliette dreamed of an organization that would give each girl an opportunity to develop into a productive member of society. She gathered 18 girls together to register the first troop of American Girl Guides. In addition to participating in many outdoor activities, such as camping, backpacking and canoeing, they were also encouraged to learn about the arts and sciences; and

Whereas, The organization's name was changed to the Girl Scouts in 1913 and by 1920, the Girl Scouts had nearly 70,000 members nationwide. Today, there are approximately 3 million youth and 880,000 adult members who work primarily as volunteers throughout the country; and

Whereas, The Girl Scouts should be commended for their acceptance and exemplary work throughout their communities. Including their work with girls with disabilities and their early efforts towards racial equality as was recognized by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who stated that they were "a force for desegregation;" and

Whereas, For 100 years, participation in Girl Scouts has helped girls reach their full potential in relating to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; developing a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and provide sound decision-making skills, and contributing to the improvement of society; and

Whereas, The Girl Scouts of the USA have declared 2012 "the Year of the Girl." Since 1912, Girl Scouting has influenced the lives of more than 50 million American women who have participated in the organization in their youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts. We honor the contributions they are making to the lives of young women throughout all of Michigan and the United States. May they know of our commitment and dedication to the individuals, families, and communities they have improved.