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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing 2012 as the "Year of the  
3 Girl" and celebrating 100 years of Girl Scouting in  
4 the State of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, March 12, 2012, marks the 100th Anniversary of the  
7 Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which began in 1912  
8 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, a native of Savannah, Georgia,  
9 gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to develop  
10 physically, mentally, and spiritually, and

11 WHEREAS, for 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build  
12 courage, confidence, and character in millions of girls and  
13 women who aspire to make the world a better place, and

14 WHEREAS, this leadership model assists girls in developing  
15 skills, such as critical thinking, problem solving, cooperation,  
16 team building, conflict resolution, advocacy, and other  
17 important life skills, and

18 WHEREAS, the award-winning Girl Scout Leadership Program  
19 aids girls in discovering themselves and their values,  
20 connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a  
21 better place, and

22 WHEREAS, core programs that focus on science, technology,  
23 engineering, math, environmental stewardship, healthy living,  
24 financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls develop a  
25 solid foundation in leadership, and

26 WHEREAS, since its founding in 2000, the Girl Scout  
27 Research Institute, an extension of the Girl Scouts of the  
28 Unites States of America, has become an internationally  
29 recognized center that conducts original research, evaluations,

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30 reviews, and surveys; releases critical facts and findings; and  
31 provides resources essential for the advancement of the well-  
32 being and safety of girls living in today's world, and

33 WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of  
34 volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of  
35 expertise, the Girl Scout program is available to more than  
36 100,000 participating girls in grades K-12 across the state of  
37 Florida, and

38 WHEREAS, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout  
39 alumnae today, and 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers in the  
40 United States are active members in the Girls Scouts, and

41 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the largest member of the World  
42 Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement  
43 comprised of more than 10 million girls in 145 countries  
44 worldwide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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46 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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48 That 2012 be recognized as the "Year of the Girl" and that  
49 the Girl Scouts of the United States of America be applauded for  
50 100 years of leadership and expertise as the voice for and of  
51 girls.