

## House Resolution 945

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Anulewicz of the 42<sup>nd</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, and Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 6, 2018, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol, and commending Girl  
2 Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the  
3 world to American girls; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, more than a century ago, native Savannahian Juliette Gordon Low started the  
5 movement now known as Girl Scouts. Beginning with the first gathering of 18 girls in  
6 Savannah on March 12, 1912, Juliette broke the conventions of the time by reaching across  
7 class, cultural, and ethnic boundaries to ensure that all girls, including those with disabilities,  
8 had a place to grow and develop their talents and leadership skills; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives is being asked to consider renaming the  
10 Talmadge Bridge in Savannah to honor Juliette Gordon Low, whose incredible legacy  
11 continues to make an extraordinary impact on the lives of millions of girls in Georgia and  
12 across our country; and

13 WHEREAS, the life mission of Juliette Gordon Low was to build girls of courage,  
14 confidence, and character; and

15 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience encourages girls to develop a strong sense  
16 of self, connect to their communities, both locally and globally, and feel empowered to make  
17 a difference in the world; and

18 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts offers hands-on, girl-led, girl-centered learning in STEM, the  
19 outdoors, and entrepreneurship, and provides abundant opportunities to help girls develop  
20 invaluable life skills; and

21 WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn,  
22 acknowledges each recipient's power and dedication to not only bettering herself, but to  
23 making the world a better place for others; and

24 WHEREAS, more than 59 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, and 2.6 million  
25 girls and adult volunteers are active members; and

26 WHEREAS, today there are 75,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Georgia, in every  
27 corner of the state; and

28 WHEREAS, the movement started by Juliette Gordon Low now reaches every corner of the  
29 world, with Girl Scouts living throughout the United States, its territories, and in more than  
30 90 countries across the globe; and

31 WHEREAS, today the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia and Greater Atlanta Councils serve  
32 approximately 75,000 Girl Scout members in the State of Georgia; and

33 WHEREAS, this tradition of leadership continues today in our state, as all of Georgia's  
34 women legislators are members of Honorary Girl Scout Troop 2012.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body hereby recognize February 6, 2018, as Girl Scout Day at the state  
37 capitol and commend Girl Scouts as a national leader in developing girls of courage,  
38 confidence, and character.

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Sue  
42 Else, chief executive officer of the Girl Scouts of the Historic Georgia Council, and Amy  
43 Dosik, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of the Greater Atlanta Council.