

By: Representative Coleman (65th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES
2 OF AMERICA ON ITS 92ND ANNIVERSARY AND THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF
3 MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI ON ITS 49TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America
5 (USA), founded in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, with only 18 members
6 and the dreams of Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, who envisioned an
7 organization that would bring girls out of their cloistered home
8 environments to serve in their communities and experience the open
9 air, celebrated its 92nd anniversary on March 12, 2004; and

10 WHEREAS, personally funding the newly formed organization,
11 Daisy sold her extremely valuable necklace of rare matched pearls
12 to ensure the continued operation of the circle which very rapidly
13 grew in respect, as many talented and educated women and girls
14 sought an outlet to expound on their abilities; and

15 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization
16 dedicated solely to girls where, in an accepting and nurturing
17 environment, girls build character and skills for success in the
18 real world; and

19 WHEREAS, in partnership with committed adults, Girl Scouts
20 develop qualities that will serve its members all their lives,
21 including strong values, social conscience and conviction about
22 their own potential and self-worth; and

23 WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA chartered the Girl Scout
24 Council of Middle Mississippi in 1955 after troops in 11
25 Mississippi counties were combined from the Jackson and Vicksburg
26 Girl Scout Councils in order to develop, manage and maintain Girl
27 Scouts in that area; and

28 WHEREAS, the Middle Mississippi Council now serves a
29 20-county region of central and southwestern Mississippi, serving
30 32 service units, including: Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah,
31 Franklin, Hinds, Jefferson, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Madison,
32 Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Warren, Wilkinson
33 and Yazoo Counties; and

34 WHEREAS, with a total membership consisting of 7,835 girls
35 and 2,156 adults under the administration of Jean Lee as
36 President, Tina Crump as Executive Director, Twila Vantrease as
37 Assistant Executive Director and a 21-member elected board of
38 directors, the Middle Mississippi Council has continuously strived
39 to maintain its commitment to excellence through volunteerism; and

40 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
41 recognize and commend the excellence of such an outstanding
42 organization as Girl Scouts of the USA and the Girl Scout Council
43 of Middle Mississippi for their many enriching programs and for
44 courage and strength instilled in the young ladies in our society:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
46 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
47 commend Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 92nd
48 anniversary and the Girl Scout Council of Middle Mississippi on
49 its 49th anniversary.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
51 furnished to the President of the Girl Scout Council of Middle
52 Mississippi and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.