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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12, 2014, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York

WHEREAS, For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts of the USA has inspired generations of girls to lead with courage, confidence, and character, making the world a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12, 2014, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York, the official birthday of Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled a group of 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, to register the first troop of American Girl Guides; Margaret "Daisy Doots" Gordon, her niece and namesake, was the first registered member; the name of the organization was changed to Girl Scouts the following year; and

WHEREAS, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low believed that all girls should have the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; with the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid; and

WHEREAS, Within a few years, her dream for a girl-centered organization was realized; today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago; currently, there are more than 59 million women in the United States who are Girl Scout alumnae; and

WHEREAS, In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together; through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardship,

girls grow courageous and strong; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to their improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others; and

WHEREAS, Juliette Low died at her home in Savannah, Georgia, in 1927 from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, On July 3, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill authorizing a stamp in honor of Juliette Gordon Low; the stamp was one of the few dedicated to women; in addition, on October 28, 1979, Juliette Low was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, takes just pride in recognizing and celebrating all that Girl Scouts of the USA has done for local communities across the country, and wishes them continued success in all their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialise Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 12, 2014, as Girl Scout Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.