<u>HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4658</u>, by Representatives Jinkins, Dahlquist, Roberts, Rivers, Ryu, Moscoso, Ladenburg, Kelley, Probst, Orwall, Tharinger, Pollet, Santos, Liias, Maxwell, Takko, Blake, Eddy, Hansen, Dickerson, Darneille, Goodman, Lytton, Appleton, McCoy, Moeller, Springer, Pettigrew, Van De Wege, Green, Clibborn, Sells, Hurst, Kagi, Fitzgibbon, Billig, Haigh, Wylie, Hasegawa, Harris, Buys, Alexander, Zeiger, Anderson, Fagan, Hinkle, Ross, Warnick, Rodne, Smith, Klippert, Nealey, Angel, Hargrove, Crouse, Ahern, Asay, Bailey, Haler, and Hope

WHEREAS, March 12, 2012, marks the Centennial Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America. For 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place; and, further, advances research, policy, and programmatic expertise on girls' behalf; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts USA has declared 2012 the Year of the Girl and launched a new initiative dedicated to girls' leadership; and the award winning Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls contribute to society as leaders, thinkers, and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Core programs around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

WHEREAS, Today, Girl Scouts in Washington state reaches a diverse and plural constituency of 36,000 girls, and ensures access for all regardless of their financial circumstances; and a dedicated network of thousands of volunteers share their diverse backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise to support our girls across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives commend the Girl Scouts for its 100th Year Anniversary and 2012 Year of the Girl initiative and for its mission to raise girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4658 adopted by the House of Representatives February 29, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk