HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4627, by Representatives Taylor, Connors, Duerr, Street, Walen, Leavitt, Barkis, Zahn, Doglio, Parshley, Reed, Dent, Thomas, Dufault, Pollet, Obras, Engell, Jinkins, Donaghy, Scott, Cortes, Thai, Paul, Rule, and Nance

WHEREAS, 112 years ago, Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop in Savannah, Georgia. At a time when women were not granted the right to vote in the United States, this gathering empowered young women and instilled them with the strength to accomplish anything; and

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WHEREAS, Over 50 million youth in the United States were Girl Scouts in their childhood; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of Western Washington, Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington councils are proud to provide a safe learning environment for scouts of all backgrounds through the end of high school; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts plays an indispensable role in engaging girls in afterschool and out-of-school programming and experiences that expand their world and allow them to tap into their inner community builder, innovator, change maker, and leader; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is most widely known for its cookies. Cookie season instills Girl Scouts with an entrepreneurial spirit and allows them to develop life skills. It also grants the opportunity to develop soft skills and make connections on a personal level with people from all backgrounds; and

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1 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts has advanced its mission to "build girls of 2 courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better 3 place"; and

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WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is about building community and relationships that last a lifetime, and developing skills that allow for success in adulthood in any field they choose; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts plants the seeds of community and teaches young women about working towards a common cause and greater good; and

WHEREAS, At a time when civics education is missing from many schools, Girl Scouts engages girls of all grade levels in civics programming that deepens their understanding of democracy and government, prepares them for a lifetime of civic engagement, and motivates them to take action on issues that are important to them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the Girl Scouts for its services to the youth of the state and the development of the next generation of leaders.

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