



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

1 **Relating to:** honoring the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States
2 of America.

3 Whereas, March 12, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the
4 United States of America, which began in 1912 when Savannah, Georgia, native
5 Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to
6 develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

7 Whereas, for 100 years, girl scouting has helped build millions of girls and
8 women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better
9 place; and

10 Whereas, the award-winning Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls
11 discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make
12 the world a better place; and

13 Whereas, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting,
14 requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community,

1 assess a need and design a solution, find the resources and support to make it
2 happen, complete the project, and also inspire others to sustain it; and

3 Whereas, the Gold Award honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition, and
4 Gold Award recipients have already changed the world as high school students; and

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

8 Whereas, since its founding in 2000, the Girl Scout Research Institute has
9 become an internationally recognized center for original research, research reviews,
10 and surveys that provide significant insights into the lives of girls; and

11 Whereas, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different
12 backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to
13 over 75,000 girls in grades K–12 across the state of Wisconsin; and

14 Whereas, today, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout
15 alumnae, 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers are active members, and Girl Scouts
16 is the largest member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a
17 global movement comprised of more than 10 million girls in 145 countries worldwide;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
20 legislature hereby declares 2012 as the Year of the Girl and congratulates the Girl
21 Scouts of the United States of America on 100 years of Scouting.

22 (END)