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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

DECLARING 2012 AS THE YEAR OF THE GIRL AND CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
GIRL SCOUTING

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Walaska, Metts, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 13, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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

5 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women
6 of courage, confidence, and character; and

7 WHEREAS, The award winning Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover
8 themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, requires
11 girls to make a measureable and sustainable difference in their community, assess a need and
12 design a solution, find the resources and support to make it happen, complete the project, and also
13 inspire others to sustain it; and

14 WHEREAS, The Gold Award honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition, and Gold
15 Award recipients have already changed the world as high school students; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 2000, the Girl Scout Research Institute has become an

1 internationally recognized center for original research, research reviews, and surveys that provide
2 significant insights into the lives of girls; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different
4 backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout program is brought to over 9,400
5 girls in grades K-12 across the State of Rhode Island and beyond; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae, 3.3
7 million girls and adult volunteers are active members, and Girl Scouts is the largest member of
8 the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement comprised of more
9 than 10 million girls in 145 countries worldwide; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby applauds the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for its 100 years of leadership
12 and expertise as the voice for and of girls, and proudly proclaims 2012 as “Year of the Girl”; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island.

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