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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 136**

Offered January 20, 2022

*Designating the week of March 12, in 2022 and in each succeeding year, as Girl Scout Week in Virginia.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA traces its roots to 1912, when Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, established a Girl Guide troop after she met the founder of the Scout Movement, Robert Baden-Powell, in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Guides of America changed its name to the Girl Scouts of the United States in 1913 and adopted its current name in 1947; from its humble beginning with just 18 members, the Girl Scouts of the USA has expanded to become the largest Scouting organization for girls in the country with nearly two million members; and

WHEREAS, since 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA has empowered more than 50 million alumnae to develop life skills, hone their personal strengths, pursue opportunities to serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA has increased girls' awareness of opportunities in math, science, sports, and technology, and encouraged them to explore these and many other fields of interest to expand their horizons; and

WHEREAS, the first Girl Scouts of the USA troop in Virginia was established in Highland Springs in 1913, and the first all-Black Girl Scout troop in the southern United States was formed at Virginia Union University in Richmond in 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scouts of the USA has fulfilled its mission through the generosity and dedication of adult volunteers, mentors, and community partners who have worked together to promote compassion, courage, confidence, character, leadership, entrepreneurship, and active citizenship among young girls across the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 110th anniversary of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the USA and offers a unique opportunity to recognize the achievements of Girl Scouts throughout the organization's history and inspire new generations of leaders in Scouting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the week of March 12, in 2022 and in each succeeding year, as Girl Scout Week in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Girl Scouts of the USA so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.

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