HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4683, by Representatives Taylor, Connors, Orwall, Christian, Bronoske, Duerr, Berg, Stearns, Simmons, Senn, Pollet, Ryu, Barnard, Mosbrucker, Robertson, and Ortiz-Self

WHEREAS, 111 years ago, Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah, Georgia. At a time in which women in the United States were not allowed to vote, this gathering of 18 women all believed that they could do anything; and

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

WHEREAS, 58 percent of women serving in the United States House of Representatives and 72 percent of female United States Senators are Girl Scout Alumni; 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 is known for its cookies. Cookie season is a time for scouts to develop business ethics, money management, and people skills. From confidence-building and goal-setting, to understanding profit margins and digital marketing, cookie season is a hands-on educational experience unlike any other; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is about so much more than cookies, it allows scouts to learn about leadership, civic engagement, volunteerism, business, outdoors, environmental stewardship, planning, financial literacy, travel, STEM, and many other skills. There is something tailored to each scout's interests; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting provides opportunities to girls to develop skills essential to effective leadership including developing a strong sense of self, displaying positive values, seeking challenges, forming healthy relationships, and engaging in community problem solving; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouts is a place where girls can make friends, have fun, find adventure, and give back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place;

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.