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2D SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Kim of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, for over 100 years, Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding have transformed the lives of girls and young women worldwide, supporting and empowering them to achieve

their fullest potential and become responsible citizens of the world;

Whereas February 22, 2024, marks the 98th World Thinking Day;

Whereas 2024 World Thinking Day calls on girls to think about the issues of environmental stewardship and global poverty and consider how working together they can create a more prosperous future where all girls can thrive in an environmentally sustainable world free of poverty;

Whereas World Thinking Day has been celebrated since 1926 by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world in 153 countries;

Whereas, on World Thinking Day, nearly 9,000,000 girls worldwide celebrate the history and impact of the Girl Scout movement, connect to the worldwide sisterhood, speak out and take action on issues that girls and young women care about, and make a positive impact by fund-raising for projects around the world;

Whereas for more than 100 years, over 250,000,000 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have changed lives and built a better world through leadership development, community action, service to others, peer education, and advocacy;

Whereas Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest girl leadership organization in the United States, was founded on the principles of global connection, sisterhood, and citizenship;

Whereas Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low believed in the power of global connections and providing girls with opportunities to engage with the natural world;

Whereas Girl Scouts commitment to fostering a love of the outdoors instills a lifelong appreciation for nature and respect for the importance of respecting the environment;

Whereas as a member organization of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is part of an international sisterhood of 10,000,000 girls and young women in 153 countries and is committed to offering girls more opportunities to engage with communities worldwide, make meaningful global connections, and explore global citizenship; and

Whereas the World Thinking Day badge is the most earned award in Girl Scouts, with over 150,000 girls earning the award annually in the United States, and the most earned badge worldwide, with over 1,300,000 participants in the last 10 years; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes World Thinking Day as a celebration of international friendship between girls across the world; and

5 (2) recognizes the 2024 World Thinking Day theme, Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty, as an opportunity to understand the connections between the well-being of our planet and the sustainability of our communities.