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Girl Scouts to Talk About Civics Learning with U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer *Representative Blumenauer Leading on Proposed Civics Learning Legislation*

PORTLAND, Ore. – Monday, November 25, 2019 – This afternoon, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR-03), will address local Girl Scouts from Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, to commend them on their community service and civic engagement and inspire their continued leadership. Rep. Blumenauer will also announce his sponsorship of proposed civics learning legislation.

“I started my political career as a young person advocating to lower the voting age and I understand the importance of lifting up the next generation,” said U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer. “Girl Scouts helps girls develop the confidence and skills they need to step into important leadership roles. The girls I’m meeting this afternoon are creating positive social change in their communities and will undoubtedly grow into the leaders of tomorrow.”

“We welcome Congressman Blumenauer to Girl Scouts today to speak with girls about civic engagement and share his experience and knowledge about becoming engaged as young people,” says Paige Walker, Chief Operations Officer for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. “We’re looking forward to engaging questions from Girl Scouts and an inspiring afternoon with the Congressman.”

Civics Learning Legislation

Congressman Blumenauer will announce his co-sponsorship of the Civics Learning Act (H.R. 849).

“Girl Scouts supports the Civics Learning Act to strengthen civics education and provide students with valuable experiences, including from groups like Girl Scout councils, so they grow into informed, involved, and conscientious individuals,” says Maureen Kenney, Public Relations and Advocacy Manager for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Congressman Blumenauer is also expected to introduce his own proposed legislation that is complimentary to the Civics Learning Act, the USA Civics Act.

About G.I.R.L. Agenda

G.I.R.L. Agenda is a nonpartisan initiative to inspire, prepare, and mobilize girls and those who care about them to lead positive change through civic action. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/g-i-r-l-agenda.html>

About Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington

In partnership with more than 8,000 adult members, Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington prepares 14,500 girls in grades K-12 for a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. GSOSW’s programs in civic engagement, financial literacy, the outdoors and STEM serve girls in 35 counties in Oregon, and Clark, Klickitat and Skamania counties in Southwest Washington. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information, please visit girlscoutsosw.org.