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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gina Marie Martuscello upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 5, 2010

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Martuscello, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010, at West Sayville Fire House, West Sayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Martuscello joined the Girl Scouts when she was in the first grade and has been a proud member for the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, While a Junior Scout, Gina Marie Martuscello earned a Bronze Award by making pet beds and collecting food, as well as other items for local animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Martuscello earned a Silver Award by helping the Sayville food pantry; she collected cans and bottles, recycled them for money and in return, purchased numerous toiletries and donated them to the pantry; she also worked closely with her Aunt, whose company donated boxes full of shampoo, conditioner, hair spray and hair gel; when all items arrived at the pantry, she also helped to stock the items; and

WHEREAS, Since 1980, Senior Girl Scouts have capped their years of achievement in Girl Scouting with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a girl must fulfill five requirements; chief among them is the design and completion of a Gold Award Project; this project must build upon the interests of the girl, provide a service to the community, and be of lasting benefit; and

WHEREAS, For her project, Gina Marie Martuscello volunteered at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home; she assisted there at least two times a week, helping transport residents to and from their rooms and distributing food and drinks to them; however, for the most part, she worked in the recreational centers where she would organize games and help residents who needed it; and

WHEREAS, Towards the end of her time at the Nursing Home, Gina Marie Martuscello planned a "Day of Fun" for the residents; they played musical bingo as well as modified bowling, which were followed by refreshments; in addition, she organized a car wash so that she could purchase prizes for all those who participated; she also donated a new board game to the home; and

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Martuscello is a Senior at Bayport-Blue Point High School in Bayport, New York; she also takes an Early Childhood Education course at eastern Suffolk BOCES; and

WHEREAS, An avid athlete, Gina Marie Martuscello has been an essential member of the Varsity Cross Country, Winter Track and Spring Track teams since the ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her athletic interests, Gina Marie Martuscello is actively involved with Skills USA; currently, she is working on creating an outdoor nature explore classroom; she will travel to states for a community service competition where she will present this project; she was also in a competition for Skills USA her junior year; she came

in second at the Regional level and third at the State level for her work as a Preschool teacher's assistant; and

WHEREAS, Outside of school and Scouting, Gina Marie Martuscello works closely with several organizations some of which include: Habitat for Humanity, SADD, Penny Harvest, Vacation Bible School, Yearbook club and the One Act Play Festival; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gina Marie Martuscello works at the Bluepoint Library and also interns twice a week at Sylvan Avenue Elementary School; when she attends college, she will major in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young woman has been involved in Scouting for years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements; and

WHEREAS, Gina Marie Martuscello is a credit to her family, her school,

her community, her State and her Nation, and no doubt her future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Gina Marie Martuscello upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gina Marie Martuscello.