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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Stephanie Santiago upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 6, 2010

WHEREAS, Stephanie Santiago, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony was held on Saturday, March 6, 2010; and WHEREAS, Stephanie Santiago is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 25, New Windsor, New York, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Council; 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, 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, Stephanie Santiago refurbished a literary garden in the courtyard at New Windsor School which had been destroyed with recent additions; she planted flowers, bushes and trees, and had six benches built for students to go out in the garden and read; 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, Stephanie Santiago 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 Stephanie Santiago 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 Stephanie Santiago, 92 Creamery Drive, New Windsor, New York 12553.