

## 2009-J5640

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating 11 Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 6, 2010

WHEREAS, Through their diligence and rigorous efforts, 11 Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, have achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The 11 outstanding Girl Scouts include: Cat Austin, Liz Austin, Lindsey Adrian, Laura Hines, Corrina Goutos, Liana Nunziato, Maria Volpe-McDermott, Emily Hughes, Erin McNamara, Cydney Betton, Bridgette Moss; 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, Cat Austin and her sister Liz Austin of Watervliet, New York, completed their project together entitled "Wii Can Do It"; they raised

funds to purchase a Wii for a Senior Center in their area, then taught classes to the seniors on how to use the Wii system; and  
WHEREAS, Lindsey Adrian of Latham, New York, taught computer classes to the elderly; she ran six weekly computer classes for adults and the elderly in her town; and

WHEREAS, Laura Hines and Bridgette Moss, both of Latham, New York, held a fitness event for young girls on health and nutrition; in addition they organized a drive for books, games, and puzzles for local charities that focus on serving girls; and

WHEREAS, Corrina Goutos of Altamont, New York's project "Sharing our community", raised awareness about Guildershaven; Guildershaven, Inc. was inspired by a group of volunteers at the Guilderland Animal Shelter, who saw a need for an organized group of individuals dedicated to the care and placement of homeless animals; donations are used for both medical expenses for animals housed at the shelter and to support educational programs; the group also holds fundraisers which include a bi-annual book and bake sale held near the shelter premises; and

WHEREAS, Liana Nunziato of Ravena, New York's project was a Teen room beautification; she cleaned, repaired, and painted a team room at her Church; and

WHEREAS, Maria Volpe-McDermot's, project was entitled "Talking it Out"; she held a program and made a booklet on helping children understand the importance of resolving issues; and

WHEREAS, Emily Hughes of Loudonville, New York's project was "Survival kits for the Survivors"; she provided necessity bags for victims of domestic violence and gave the bags to domestic violence shelters; and

WHEREAS, Erin McNamara and Cydney Betton, both of Albany completed their project "Compassion with Fashion"; they held a fashion show, and

with the proceeds, they purchased needed items for the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, These exceptional young women have been involved in Scouting

for years, have lived up to Scouting's ideals and have attained all of the necessary achievements; and

WHEREAS, They are all a credit to their families, their schools, their communities, their State and their Nation, and no doubt their futures 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 11 Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each of the 11 Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.