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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Laura Furlipa upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Laura Furlipa, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; 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, Laura Furlipa completed an aquarium mural on the wall in the Alzheimer's second floor lounge at Northern Metropolitan, a short and long term health care facility in Monsey, New York; her goal was to make the environment colorful and cheery for the residents; and

WHEREAS, She was inspired to complete this project by memories of her grandparents, both of whom had passed away; her grandmother enjoyed fish and her grandfather had suffered from Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the mural, Laura Furlipa created a memory book, 'Memories and Words of Wisdom,' with the residents at Fountain View, a premier retirement community in Monsey, New York; each page of the book was personalized with comments and artistically illustrated by

hand with colorful designs; 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, Laura Furlipa 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 Laura Furlipa 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 Laura Furlipa, Suffern, New York.