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

WHEREAS, Emily Siu, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; she will receive the award at a Gold Award ceremony on Saturday, June 11 2011; and

WHEREAS, Emily Siu, the daughter of Nancy Chan and Chi Ho Siu, is a member of Girl Scouts of America Ambassador Troop 4-772, Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, sponsored by the Conron Camp Foundation; 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, 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 Gold Award project, entitled Eliminate E-Waste, Emily Siu and Carmen Shum decided to work together to, focusing on electronic recycling, help address waste disposal in Flushing; and

WHEREAS, They began their project with the goals of collecting about three televisions, six computers, a few pounds of batteries, and a few other items and of educating people about the dangers of disposing electronics along with their everyday garbage; and

WHEREAS, Emily Siu and Carmen Shum decided to make three small collection boxes for batteries and small electronics and to hold one collection day for larger electronics; and

WHEREAS, To inform people of their upcoming collection day event, they e-mailed Conron troop leaders asking them to promote their project among the scouts and, with the assistance of Troop Leader Elaine Cheung and New York City Councilmember Peter Koo, they were also able to organize a press conference to spread the message across their community, an effort which led to the organization of a second collection day to allow people more time to bring in their old devices; and

WHEREAS, Though certain scheduling difficulties somewhat delayed the project, they did benefit it in the long run by enabling Emily Siu and Carmen Shum to also bring the education and awareness aspects of their project into area schools; and

WHEREAS, When the final results of their highly successful collection efforts were tallied, Emily Siu and Carmen Shum had collected 28 computer monitors, 33 CPUs, 36 laptops, 53 cell phones, 46 pounds of batteries, and many other items; and

WHEREAS, When the donations were transported to the recycling plant, thanks to Emily Siu and Carmen Shum and the friends and members of the community who helped them, a total of 2,772 pounds of electronics had been safely and responsibly disposed of and recycled; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding young woman, Emily Siu has been involved in Scouting for years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements for the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Emily Siu 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 Emily Siu 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 trans-
mitted to Emily Siu.