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

WHEREAS, Heather Kurtz is a member of Troop 40120, a New York Girl Scouts of America Troop in Port Byron, New York affiliated with the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways council; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of April Kurtz, Heather Kurtz, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; she will be honored at a Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Young Women of Distinction event in May 2012; 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 in grades 9-12 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 "Adventure Day," Heather Kurtz introduced several young girls in grades three through five to various new ideas and activities in an effort to give them exposure to new opportunities; kayaking turned out to be one of the most popular activities of the day; 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, Heather Kurtz 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 Heather Kurtz upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Girl Scout Gold Award; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Heather Kurtz.