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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Devina Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Adult Presidential Gold Service Award by the Merrick Association of Girl Scouts on June 1, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Devina Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Adult Presidential Gold Service Award by the Merrick Association of Girl Scouts, to be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at the Merrick Golf Course, Merrick, New York; and

WHEREAS, Devina Anderson has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past few years, Devina Anderson has donated 518 hours of service to Merrick Association of Girl Scouts Troop 2274; as co-Leader of the Troop, she has enjoyed helping children reach their full potential by guiding them on their journey to successful futures; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Girl Scouts, Devina Anderson spends many hours doing voluntary work at the local church, schools and various charitable organizations, supporting local fundraisers to help fund research to find cures for deadly diseases or to simply replenish local food pantries; this remarkable woman is an active supporter of the United Nations Nothing but Nets Campaign to end deaths caused by malaria, a preventable disease; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated humanitarian activist, Devina Anderson serves as

a Community Ambassador for the Half the Sky Movement and strives to empower women and girls globally; she is also an active participant with Amnesty International's letter writing campaign to help free political prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Devina Anderson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of her duties and volunteer efforts, Devina Anderson's ongoing endeavors have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Devina Anderson upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Adult Presidential Gold Service Award by the Merrick Association of Girl Scouts on June 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Devina Anderson.