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

WHEREAS, Christine Parola, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Christine Parola is a member of Girl Scout Troop 3655, Wantagh-Seaford, New York; a natural born leader, she served as the Assistant Troop Leader; and

WHEREAS, A graduate from Wantagh High School, Christine Parola was a member and Trustee of the National Honor Society, President of the National Art Honor Society, participant of the National Foreign Language Honor Society and held the position of Vice President of the Spanish Club; and

WHEREAS, A faithful member of the Bellmore Presbyterian Church, Christine Parola was an installed and ordained Presbyterian Elder, a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Track Coach and served as an Assistant Sunday School Teacher; and

WHEREAS, A gifted ballet dancer, Christine Parola was a Student Ballet Teacher at Clare's Studio of Dance; in 2014, she was the Miss Wantagh Second Runner Up; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Christine Parola participates in the Honors Program at the University of Delaware where she is involved with the Community Engagement Living Learning Community; she is also a National Residence Hall Honor, a volunteer with A Taste of UD, and holds the position of Secretary of the Redding-Gilbert Complex Community Council; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to excel in her studies, Christine Parola was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters; 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 1919, Senior Girl Scouts have sought to cap their years in Girl Scouting with the prized Girl Scout Gold Award, which challenges girls to change the world; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a girl must complete a rigorous set of service, leadership development, and skill-building tasks leading up to the final and most challenging requirement, the design and completion of a Take Action Project; this project must be an issue of interest to the girl and her community, employ team-based solutions, and educate and inspire others; and

WHEREAS, For her project, entitled Preserving Our History, Bringing People Together for the Future, Christine Parola created and designed a website for her church, Bellmore Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Christine Parola envisions that

WWW.BELLMOREPRESBYTERIANCHURCH.ORG will provide information about the Church to congregants and non-members, keep homebound congregants and snow birds in touch with current Church activities, promote the Church to the entire Bellmore community as well as other surrounding areas,

encourage the Bellmore community to attend church activities and programs such as Vacation Bible School, detail the history of the Church and attract young people to become members of the Church; 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, Christine Parola 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 Christine Parola 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 Christine Parola.