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

WHEREAS, Ayla Devenney, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; a Court of Honor ceremony will be held to recognize her latest accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Ayla Devenney is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 481 (Goshen), Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Council, Poughkeepsie, New York; 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, Ayla Devenney created a new activity room at Braeside Camp, Middletown, New York, providing the campers with a safe and welcoming place to play, create, and relax; Ayla kept detailed descriptions of her project plans which were then forwarded to other campsites to encourage them to keep their facilities open after the summer season; 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, Ayla Devenney 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 Ayla Devenney 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 Ayla Devenney.