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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Calvary Girl Scouts Program upon the occasion of its celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting in Greater New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that are devoted to instilling in youth the values of community service and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Calvary Girl Scouts Program upon the occasion of its celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting in Greater New York; this remarkable milestone will be celebrated with a Banquet on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at Calvary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church has been participating in Girl Scouts of USA for 54 years; the Calvary Girl Scout Program began in 1960 with Brownie Troop 4-890 and, within twenty years, it had expanded to house four additional levels of Scouting: Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Pixie; and

WHEREAS, The ultimate achievement for girls in the Calvary Girl Scout Program is to become a "First Class Girl Scout"; opportunities abound for each girl to attain this goal as the Scouts visit the sick and shut-in, enjoy camping activities with survival classes, sponsor senior citizen luncheons, plan cultural trips, serve as library and museum aides, offer home hospitality for out-of-state girls, and assist the church during special events, projects, and whenever called upon to serve; and

WHEREAS, The Calvary Girl Scout Program today has 20 Girl Scouts, and the six dedicated adults who serve as its troop leaders: Joann Cummings, Melonie Vanderpool-Wyatt, Tanya Chambers, Shantell Lewis, Yaneke Duncan and Geronda Porterfield, carry on the tradition of their forebears in

sharing a common goal, which is to help develop strong, honest citizens of tomorrow while encouraging the girls to live up to their promise to "serve God, their Country, and Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, The Calvary Girl Scout Program is proud to be part of Girl Scouts of Greater New York as it celebrates 100 years, and part of the larger Girl Scouts of the USA movement, in which 3.2 million girls and adult members actively celebrate timeless values, courage, confidence, and character, in a way that has real impact on communities; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of girls ages 8 to 14 earn their Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award for improving their community through service and, each year, a very special set of teen Girl Scouts pursue the Girl Scout Gold Award, the leadership development project requiring at least 70 hours of community service, after completing a rigorous ladder of preparation steps; and

WHEREAS, More than 59 million women in the United States today are Girl Scout alumnae; former Girl Scouts represent 80% of all women business owners in this country, 69% of women United States senators, 67% of women members of the House of Representatives and 93% of women astronauts who have been in space; and

WHEREAS, Truly the Calvary Girl Scouts Program, in so assiduously cultivating the values of leadership, community service, sisterhood and excellence in our State's young people, merits the admiration and appreciation of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Calvary Girl Scouts Program upon the occasion of its celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting in Greater New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Calvary Girl Scouts Program, Calvary Baptist Church.