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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Girl Scout Cadette Najah Lorde upon the occasion of being the 2014 top seller of Girl Scout cookies in New York City

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Girl Scout Cadette Najah Lorde upon the occasion of being the 2014 top seller of Girl Scout cookies in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Najah Lorde, of Springfield Gardens in Queens, New York, is the daughter of Deanne and Donovan Lorde, and a member of Troop 4287; and

WHEREAS, This enterprising 12-year-old Scout sold an incredible 2,833 boxes of Girl Scout cookies in 2014, 1,722 more boxes than she sold last year; she accomplished this feat by selling the tasty treats to school-mates, family members, members of her church, as well as accompanying her parents to their places of employment and appealing to their colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Najah Lorde is an outstanding student in the seventh-grade at Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy in Douglaston, New York; she was recently selected to be in the prestigious Aquinas program for academically talented students, and is a candidate to become an Oliver Scholar, a program that engages extraordinary New York City students of African and Latino descent to prepare them for success at leading high schools and prestigious colleges; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has cultivated in our Nation's young people the

solid values of sisterhood, community service, and working with others, as well as the importance of stimulating the mind, and strengthening the body, instilling a sense of pride and encouraging success; and

WHEREAS, Selling cookies does more than allow Girl Scouts to raise funds to support local Girl Scout councils and programs, it also helps them learn goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics, attributes essential to leadership, success, and life; and

WHEREAS, Najah Lorde's achievement clearly demonstrates that this exemplary young woman possesses the skills and determination to overcome any challenge in the pursuit of her goals and dreams; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Scout now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her leaders, and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Girl Scout Cadette Najah Lorde, recognizing her achievement in being the 2014 top seller of Girl Scout cookies in New York City, and wishing her success, health and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Najah Lorde.