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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sara Fuller upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 14, 2016

WHEREAS, Sara Fuller, 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 Saturday, May 14, 2016; and WHEREAS, For 13 years, Sara Fuller has been an enthusiastic Girl Scout, earning several community service awards such as the Bronze, Silver and Gold Torch Awards, as well as the Gold Award; and WHEREAS, Throughout her scouting career, Sara Fuller has attended Camp Little Notch; on a weekend in October of 2014, and again in 2015, she attended a Stewards' Weekend, where she helped close the Camp for the winter; additionally, she was an integral part of the fundraising effort to save the Camp in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, Sara Fuller offers her time and energy at the Temple Beth Emeth Interfaith Soup Kitchen, where she does everything from frosting cupcakes to shopping for ingredients for the meals she prepares for the hungry; and

WHEREAS, A caring and determined young woman, Sara Fuller has served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross for six years, helping raise much needed money for services and collecting donations of items for the Red Cross' Totes of Hope Program for Veterans in need; and WHEREAS, This past summer, Sara Fuller assisted the nurses at St. Peter's Hospital, and recently she became a CPR/First Aid Volunteer Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Committed to her school, Sara Fuller has worked at various concession stands, and elementary school functions, as well as helped the librarians at Guilderland High School; 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, Sara Fuller renovated the children's recreation room at Catholic Charities' Marillac Family Shelter; she first gathered information from the children, and then she and some friends painted the room; and

WHEREAS, Sara Fuller's next step was to spend an entire day emptying and reorganizing two large craft/game/movie closets; she also brought additional games and books for the children to use and organized outside groups, such as L.L. Bean and the Pine Bush Reserve, to provide programming for the children; 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, Sara Fuller 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 Sara Fuller 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 Sara Fuller.