

## 2015-J5161

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Cassandra O'Connell upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Bronze Award, the most prestigious of Junior Scouting honors, on May 13, 2016

WHEREAS, Through her diligence and rigorous efforts, Cassandra O'Connell has earned Girl Scout Junior's highest honor, the Girl Scout Bronze Award for girls in Grades 4-5; the Annual Bridging and Awards Night Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016, at Polk Street School, Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra O'Connell, daughter of Barbara and Francis O'Connell, is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 1257, West Hempstead Franklin Square Association, in Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has cultivated in our Nation's young people the goals of building solid values of sisterhood and the importance of working with others, stimulating both mind and body, instilling pride, and encouraging community service and success; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has expanded the horizons of the countless young women who have participated in the programs which have made Girl Scouting an American and international institution; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scout Bronze Award requires the Girl Scout Junior to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community; working toward this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be; and

WHEREAS, To earn the Bronze Award, Cassandra O'Connell completed a Bronze Award community service project which she planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For her project, Cassandra O'Connell participated in Adopt the Pike-Clean Up; and

WHEREAS, The Bronze Award symbolizes a Girl Scout Junior's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as she matures and works to better her life and the lives of others; it is tangible evidence of Cassandra O'Connell's high character and commitment, and is a harbinger of her future service to her community, New York State and our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to warmly congratulate Cassandra O'Connell, recognizing her achievement in earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award and wishing her success, health and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cassandra O'Connell.