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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rebecca V. Garloch upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 14, 2016

WHEREAS, Rebecca V. Garloch, 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, at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Warwick, 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, A junior at Warwick Valley High School, Rebecca V. Garloch spent several months in the hospital a few years ago; during this time, she noticed that several of her fellow patients rarely received visitors; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca V. Garloch realized that if this is hard for children, it must be even more difficult for adults and seniors who may not

have many visitors or craft groups visiting to conduct activities; and WHEREAS, This caring young woman decided that seniors need to know that someone cares about them and decided to make Puppy Pillows for them; the Ladies Aid Society of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church generously offered to make the pillows for her; and WHEREAS, On December 13, 2015, Rebecca V. Garloch, Pastor Timothy Anderson and members of the Ladies Aid Society visited Schervier Pavilion Nursing Home in Warwick, New York, where they distributed Puppy Pillows to the grateful residents; and

WHEREAS, Ten days later, Rebecca V. Garloch, along with her mother, sister and grandmother, celebrated her 17th Birthday by handing out additional Puppy Pillows to the patients in the Acute Inpatient Rehab Unit and the Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE) patients on 4 North at Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, New York; 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, Rebecca V. Garloch 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 Rebecca V. Garloch 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 Rebecca V. Garloch.