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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Alexandra Scibilia upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Alexandra Scibilia, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; she will be honored at a celebration held during the 7th Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Carnegie Conference Center in Driver's Village in Cicero, New York; and WHEREAS, Alexandra Scibilia of DeWitt, New York, is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 10066; 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, Alexandra Scibilia's Gold Award project, titled "Today I Can't Wait to Read, Learn, and Do!" was completed in 105 hours over a period of 14 consecutive months and addressed community literacy; and WHEREAS, For this important project, Alexandra Scibilia polled local middle school students about what books and activities they like and then created 15 reading activity bags to engage and encourage more students to read; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra's themed bags are geared towards boys and girls in middle school and provide informational activities that are related to various fiction and non-fiction books; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Scibilia's activity bags include themes such as baking, cosmetology, creative writing, Greek mythology, magic, pet care, and wilderness survival, and are available to children throughout Onondaga County at their local libraries through distribution by the Fayetteville Free Library; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Scibilia's Gold Award project, which built upon her interests in reading and writing, has provided an important service to the community, proved to be of lasting benefit, and it is worthy of the Girl Scout Gold Award; 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, Alexandra Scibilia 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 Alexandra Scibilia 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 Alexandra Scibilia.