

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Laura Sliker upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Girl Scouting honors, on April 30, 2013

WHEREAS, Laura Sliker, a member of Girl Scout Troop 60860 in Geneseo, New York, has, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, achieved Girl Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; she will be honored by the Girl Scouts of Western New York at its Girl Scouts Showcase to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013; 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, 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 complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; chief among these requirements is the design and completion of a Gold Award Service Project which must build upon the interests of the girl, provide a service to the community, and be of lasting benefit; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young woman has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements; and

WHEREAS, For her Gold Award project entitled "Bread for Celiac's Initiative," Laura Sliker addressed the lack of gluten-free products available in restaurants and the inability of restaurants to accommodate the needs of people who are gluten intolerant; and

WHEREAS, She contacted and met with restaurant managers and servers and created an informative website about gluten intolerance and Celiac Disease; and

WHEREAS, Laura Sliker's project served the needs of the gluten-free community in Rochester, Albany, and Syracuse, New York and Orlando, Florida and helped to make it easier for gluten intolerant individuals to eat in restaurants and to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Happily, Laura Sliker had success with some of the restaurants she approached and they are now serving some gluten-free products; and

WHEREAS, Laura Sliker 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 Laura Sliker upon the occasion of her designation as the recipient of a Girl Scout Gold Award on April 30, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Sliker.