LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the 19 Girl Scouts of the West Hempstead/Franklin Square Association of Girl Scouts, upon the occasion of receiving the Girl Scout Bronze Award

WHEREAS, Through their diligence and rigorous efforts, these exemplary Girl Scouts have earned Girl Scout Junior's highest honor, the Girl Scout Bronze Award for girls in Grades 4-5; the ceremony will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013, at Washington Street School in Franklin Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sophia Mehmeti, Kelly Geiger, Jessica Ringston, Jenna Garcia, Samantha Condron, Isabella Legovich, Jillian Marie Simonelli, Allison Felter, and Celena Spatola are members of Girl Scouts of America Troop 1220; and

WHEREAS, Jeri Stiklickas is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 1345; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Busch, Gabriella Campos, Kayla Dipalma, Daniela Lister, Elsa Lorieul, Francesca Marchese, Bo Nappie, Gillian Reed, and Sydney Stevenson are members of Girl Scouts of America Troop 1011; 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, these 19 Girl Scouts completed four requirements; the first three required them to earn two badges related to their Bronze Award project, complete one of the Girl Scout Signs, and earn the Junior Aide Award, the Girl Scout Junior Leadership Award, or two of four specified badges after which they completed the fourth requirement, a Bronze Award Community service project which these Girl Scouts planned, developed and executed; 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 their high character and commitment, and is a harbinger of their future service to their community, New York State and our nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to warmly congratulate these 19 Girl Scouts, recognizing their achievement in earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award and wishing them success, health and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned Girl Scouts.