

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Rachel Kelly upon the occasion of receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award, Cadette Scouting's highest award and Girl Scouting's second highest achievement on November 22, 2015

WHEREAS, Rachel Kelly was honored with the Girl Scout Silver Award, Cadette Scouting's highest award and Girl Scouting's second highest achievement; the ceremony was held on Sunday, November 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Kelly is a member of Girl Scouts Senior Troop 610 of the Pine Bush community; 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 hundreds of thousands who have participated in Scouting programs which have made Scouting an American and international institution; and

WHEREAS, 14 year-old Rachel Kelly completed many activities, including a Silver Award community service project which she, along with fellow Girl Scouts Isabella Sapio and Mya Karinchak, planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, As a result of their passion for tobacco control and smoke free areas where kids are present, Rachel, Isabella and Mya worked with Pow'r Against Tobacco, and proposed to the Town of Crawford Supervisor and Town Board that the town parks go tobacco free; and

WHEREAS, Due to their hard work and logging in over 60 hours attending community events to inform and educate the community about their proposal, providing hand out information they made and seeking signatures for support, the Town Board compromised and made an approval for tobacco free areas within 50 feet of areas where children play to include the playgrounds, ball fields, pavilions and also any town owned building or structure; and

WHEREAS, These three girls were the driving force in creating this new, and the first town law for 2015 which is also subjected to fines; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Award is earned over a two-year period; it is tangible evidence of Rachel Kelly'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 congratulate Rachel Kelly, recognizing her achievement in earning the Girl Scout Silver Award, and wishing her much success, health and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rachel Kelly.