

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

CONGRATULATING Sarah A. Sigot upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Sarah A. Sigot, 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 Sunday, May 7, 2017, at the Immaculate Conception Hall in Hoosick Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sarah A. Sigot, the daughter of Sharon and Sergio Sigot, was a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 1415; currently, she is a freshman at Southern New Hampshire University majoring in Culinary Management; 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 1919, Senior Girl Scouts have sought to cap their years in Girl Scouting with the prized Girl Scout Gold Award, which challenges girls to change the world; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a girl must complete a rigorous set of service, leadership development, and skill-building tasks leading up to the final and most challenging requirement, the design and completion of a Take Action Project; this project must be an issue of interest to the girl and her community, employ team-based solutions, and educate and inspire others; and

WHEREAS, For her project, Sarah A. Sigot initiated the Weekend Backpack Program, a child nutrition program, at Hoosick Falls Central School; every Friday, volunteers from several organizations including the Regional Food Bank, the Hoosick Area Church Association, and staff and administration from Hoosick Falls Central School, as well as members of the Key Club, fill 15 backpacks with food for students who might otherwise not have food to eat over the weekend; and

WHEREAS, The Weekend Backpack Program is graciously funded by donations from residents and local organizations such as the PTA, Kiwanis, the Lions Club, Girl Scouts and various church groups; 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, Sarah A. Sigot 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 Sarah A. Sigot 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 Sarah A. Sigot.