

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**CONGRATULATING** Sophia Stefanakis upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Girl Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** Sophia Stefanakis, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Girl Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

**WHEREAS,** Sophia Stefanakis, of Manhasset, New York, is a member of Girl Scouts of Nassau County Troop 530; 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 USA and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1916, Senior and Ambassador 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,** Sophia Stefanakis' project was entitled, "Radiating Scientific Curiosity for All"; 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,** Sophia Stefanakis 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 Sophia Stefanakis 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 Sophia Stefanakis.