

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Katerina Gounaris upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Girl Scouting honors

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

WHEREAS, Katerina Gounaris, of New Hyde Park, New York, is a member of Girl Scouts of Nassau County Troop 1506; 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, Katerina Gounaris' project was entitled, "Intersection Safety"; 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, Katerina Gounaris 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 Katerina Gounaris 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 Katerina Gounaris.