

BY: Senator MAYER

CONGRATULATING Leah Vinodh upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 12, 2022

WHEREAS, Through her diligence and rigorous efforts, Leah Vinodh has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Leah Vinodh is a member of Scarsdale Edgemont Girl Scouts of America; 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 1916, Senior Girl Scouts have capped their years of achievement in Girl Scouting with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, a girl must fulfill five requirements; chief among them is the design and completion of a Gold Award Project; this project must build upon the interests of the girl, provide a service to the community, and be of lasting benefit; and

WHEREAS, For her project entitled "Packs of Hope" Leah Vinodh provided 100 children in foster care with a backpack filled with comfort items and essentials that would alleviate trauma and provide the foster child with a sense of belonging, stability, and ownership; each backpack contained a small stuffed animal, book, arts and crafts activity, toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, socks and small blanket; additionally, she decorated the family rooms at the foster care agency to make it more child friendly for when the children in foster care meet with their biological families; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young woman has been involved in Scouting for years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all the necessary achievements; and

WHEREAS, Leah Vinodh 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 Leah Vinodh 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 Leah Vinodh.