

**BY:** Senator STEC

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

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

**WHEREAS,** The daughter of Eileen Herring, Olivia Herring attends Fort Ann Central School and is member of Girl Scout Troop 3267; 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, titled Look with New Eyes, Olivia Herring investigated and took action to address bullying in her school district, first conducting a survey to better understand how bullying was affecting students in grades 4-12 and then partnering with schools to raise awareness among students, teachers, and families regarding the issue through flyers and targeted communications; and

**WHEREAS,** Olivia Herring also created a mural as a conversation starter and daily reminder for current and future students, teachers, and the entire school community to consider how their words and actions affect others; 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,** Olivia Herring 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 Olivia Herring 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 Olivia Herring.