

**BY:** Senator STEC

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

**WHEREAS,** Shaye Meschino, 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 Charles Meschino and Michelle Twiss, Shaye Meschino attends Fort Ann Central School, and is an individually registered Girl Scout; 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 Get Outside!, Shaye Meschino promoted outdoor recreation within her community by building a pavilion with information about local outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS,** The pavilion provides a place for community members to meet, enjoy the outdoors, or take a break while walking or biking, and it has already been used for socially distanced gatherings; and

**WHEREAS,** Shaye Meschino hopes community members and families will be inspired to take a brochure and visit some of the hiking, biking, and nature trails to have a great time outdoors and enjoy the health benefits of active, outdoor activities; 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,** Shaye Meschino 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 Shaye Meschino 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 Shaye Meschino.