

**BY:** Senator GAUGHRAN

**CONGRATULATING** Girl Scout Zoe Varkaris upon the occasion of earning the distinguished Gold Award, the most prestigious of Girl Scouting honors, on June 29, 2021

**WHEREAS,** Zoe Varkaris, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Girl Scouts of the United States of America's highest and most prestigious honor, the Gold Award; the ceremony will be a drive through on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Service Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Zoe Varkaris is a member of Girl Scouts of Nassau County; 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,** Since 1912, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change; and

**WHEREAS,** Girl Scouts of the United States of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1980, Gold Award Girl Scouts have capped their years of achievement in Girl Scouting with the Gold Award; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to earn the 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, "Culinary Kids," Zoe Varkaris worked to combat childhood obesity by teaching kids about healthy eating habits and showing them how to prepare nutritious snacks; and

**WHEREAS,** Gold Award Girl Scouts do not just change the world for the better, they change it for good; and

**WHEREAS,** The Gold Award, the mark of the truly remarkable, is earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** This outstanding young woman has been involved in Girl Scouting for years, has lived up to Girl Scout's ideals and has attained

all the necessary achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Zoe Varkaris 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 Girl Scout Zoe Varkaris upon the occasion of earning the Gold Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zoe Varkaris.