

Senate Resolution No. 832

**BY:** Senator GAUGHRAN

**CONGRATULATING** Girl Scout Sofia Haskelson upon the occasion of earning the distinguished Gold Award, the most prestigious of Girl Scouting honors, on June 9, 2021

**WHEREAS,** Sofia Haskelson, 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 virtual ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** A resident of Huntington, New York and a senior at Harborfields High School, Sofia Haskelson is a member of Girl Scouts of Suffolk 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, Sofia Haskelson started an eyeglass donation program and made over 400 fabric eyeglass cases for lower income families who cannot afford eyeglasses; 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,** Sofia Haskelson 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 Sofia Haskelson upon the occasion of earning the Gold Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sofia Haskelson.