

BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Mattea Rice upon the occasion of earning the distinguished Silver Award, a prestigious Scouting honor

WHEREAS, Mattea Rice, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's prestigious honor, the Silver Award; the Recognition Ceremony will be held at the Desmond in Albany, New York, on Sunday, May 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Glens Falls, New York, Mattea Rice is a member of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Northeastern New York Troop 3027; 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 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 1916, Girl Scouts have sought to cap their years in Girl Scouting with the prized Silver Award which challenges girls to change the world; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Silver Award, a girl works either individually or collaboratively with a small team to complete a project which directly benefits her community and reflects her commitment to meaningful change; and

WHEREAS, Mattea Rice and her teammates, Tessa Carusone, Emily Fitzgerald, and Lucy Coker, wanted to educate 3rd- and 4th-grade children how to help the environment; the team wrote, filmed, and edited a video series that can be played at local elementary schools; so far, there have been more than 100 students who have watched the videos; and

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

WHEREAS, Mattea Rice is a credit to her family, her school, her community, her State, and her Nation, and undoubtedly, 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 Mattea Rice upon the occasion of earning the Silver Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mattea Rice.