

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Sophia Tarasenko upon the occasion of earning the distinguished Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Sophia Tarasenko, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Glen Head, New York, Sophia Tarasenko is a member of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 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, 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, Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better; they change it for good; the Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges; since 1916, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change, and the Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the 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, Sophia Tarasenko's project was entitled, "SHINE (Spreading Health INformation on Endometriosis)"; 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, Sophia Tarasenko 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 Sophia Tarasenko upon the occasion of earning the Gold Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sophia Tarasenko.