LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION welcoming the Staten Island Girl Scouts upon the occasion of their visit to Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to welcome the Staten Island Girl Scouts upon the occasion of their visit to Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious visit is part of their biannual trip to the Capital of this great Empire State and will include a pizza lunch with the Staten Island members of the Legislature, a tour of the Capitol building, recognition in the Senate and Assembly galleries with a Resolution, and photos on the Million Dollar Staircase; and

WHEREAS, The Staten Island Girl Scouts visiting this year are Amy Azzopardi, Ashley Melidones, Audrey Gallagher, Brynne Hitten, Celine Kelly, Elizabeth Mastoros, Emily Casey, Genevieve Steinmetz, Giavanna Esposito, Jayne Ryan, Jessica Orlando, Jessica Roesch, Julia Desaro, Julie Mendez, Kaitlyn Casserly, Katherine Cammayo, Kerry McCloskey, Lauren Casella, Madolyn Jusick, Mary Mastoros, MaryKathryn Brown, Meghan Holliday, Miriam Zayed, Nicole Renzetti, Rita Jerome, Sabrina Gallagher, Sarah Rosario, Shea McLaughlin, Sophia DeMartino, Stephanie Caputo, and Syleste Alexander; as well as Scout Leader Cheryl McCloskey, and Chaperones Andrea Gallagher, Annette Orlando, Christine Melidones, Ellen Steiring, Joan Roesch, Karen Steinmetz, Nancy Casey, and Nichole Mendez; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting in the United States of America began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia; since then, it has grown to 3.7 million members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has cultivated in our Nation's young people the goals of building solid values of sisterhood and the importance of working with others, stimulating both mind and body, instilling pride, and encouraging community service and success; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has expanded the horizons of the countless hundreds of thousands who have participated in Scouting programs which have made Scouting an American and international institution; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to recognize the Staten Island Girl Scouts and to wish them a future of purposeful success and well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to welcome the Staten Island Girl Scouts upon the occasion of their visit to Albany, New York, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Staten Island Girl Scouts.