

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Sydney Preston upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** Sydney Preston, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; the ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Sydney Preston is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 40510, Cicero, New York; 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 America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1919, Senior Girl Scouts have sought to cap their years in Girl Scouting with the prized Girl Scout Gold Award, which challenges girls to change the world; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to earn the Girl Scout 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,** For her project, Sydney Preston addressed the decline of the honeybee population by giving an educational presentation on the species to several younger Girl Scout troops and their leaders; in addition, she created a permanent information board and flower bed at a public park, and scheduled an interview with a local newspaper to generate interest in the wellness of honeybees; 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,** Sydney Preston 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 Sydney Preston upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sydney Preston.