BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Makenzie Kellogg upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Makenzie Kellogg, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious honor, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Makenzie Kellogg of Burdett, New York, is a member of Girl Scouts of America Troop 40170; 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 1980, Senior Girl Scouts have capped their years of achievement in Girl Scouting with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, In order to earn the Girl Scout 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, titled, Girl Power Up, Makenzie Kellogg began by addressing particular issues that female athletes face while training for sports; the premise of her project was that female and male bodies are not meant to maintain the same level of training, endurance and impact; and

WHEREAS, Makenzie Kellogg decided upon this project because of a serious injury she obtained while running cross country; she was in a cast which caused her to miss an entire season and endure a long healing time as well as physical therapy; 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, Makenzie Kellogg 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 Makenzie Kellogg 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 Makenzie Kellogg.