

Senate Resolution No. 2017

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**CONGRATULATING** Olivia Lavaia upon the occasion of earning the distinguished Gold Award, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** Olivia Lavaia, 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 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Olivia Lavaia of Manhasset, New York, is a member of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Nassau County; and

**WHEREAS,** America has achieved its 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 its 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 1916, Senior Girl Scouts have sought to cap their years in Girl Scouting with the prized Gold Award, which challenges girls to change the world; 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,** Olivia Lavaia's project was entitled, "The Ultimate Cookbook - An Elders Guide to Cooking and Other Life Lessons"; 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,** Olivia Lavaia 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 Olivia Lavaia upon the occasion of earning the Gold Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Olivia Lavaia.