

**No. R-446. House concurrent resolution congratulating recent Vermont recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award.**

(H.C.R.369)

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, and Sheldon of Middlebury

Whereas, in 1916, the Girl Scouts created a special project-based award for high school-age Scouts as the organization's highest honor known as the Golden Eaglet (1916–1939), the Curved Bar Award (1940–1963), First Class (1963–1980), and, beginning in 1980, the Gold Award, and

Whereas, to be welcomed into this elite group of Girl Scouts, the aspiring Gold Award recipient must compete a seven-step project that includes identifying an issue, investigating it thoroughly, getting help and building a team, creating a plan, presenting the plan and gathering feedback, taking action, and finally educating and inspiring others, and

Whereas, in 2016, as the Girl Scouts observe the centennial anniversary of their highest award, five Vermonters are being honored as Gold Award recipients, and

Whereas, Carolyn Balparda of Middlebury (Honey Bee Help in Addison) examined the disappearance of the honey bee in Addison County and what the home gardener can do to help, and

Whereas, Katherine Dempsey of Williston (Sailing and Science on Lake Champlain) taught youngsters how to sail and developed lesson about science and ecology on the lake that the Sailing Center at Lake Champlain will use, and

Whereas, Sarah Dramstad of Essex Junction (Courtyard Care) built two picnic tables in the Essex High School courtyard as a place for students to relax and enjoy the outdoor environment, and

Whereas, Gabrielle Fenton of Milton (Mural for Happiness) attempted to decrease local teenage drug use, help people who have depression, and created a mural and art classes to inspire happiness, and

Whereas, Kristyn Van Allen of Essex Junction (Signs for Local Cross Country Course) placed useful informational signs along Essex High School's cross country course, created an aerial map of the course, and is conducting a community race to publicize the course as a great place to run, and

Whereas, each of these young Vermonters brought creativity and initiative to projects that merited their being presented the Girl Scout Gold Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates recent Vermont recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Girl Scouts honored in this resolution.