**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE VICTORIE HANSEN, KARI PAIT, AND HEATHER REDD, OF GASTON GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3285, FOR ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD, TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION IN REACHING THIS GOAL, AND TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR LABORS IN CONSTRUCTING A NEW WELCOME SIGN FOR THE TOWN OF GASTON.

Whereas, it is with great pride that the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the laudable achievements of young people, and among those youthful accomplishments that command the greatest respect is the attaining of the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

Whereas, having proved themselves worthy, Victorie Hansen, a sophomore at Swansea High School; Kari Pait, a senior at Airport High School; and Heather Redd, a sophomore at Airport High School, on Sunday, February 15, 2009, will officially be named recipients of the Gold Award, Girl Scouting’s highest honor, an award granted to only about three percent of all Girl Scouts worldwide; and

Whereas, for their Gold Award service project, which is required to take at least sixty‑five hours to complete and must better the community in some way, these young women chose to build a welcome sign for the Town of Gaston along U.S. Highway 321, the main route into town. After obtaining approval from both the Town of Gaston and Girl Scouts of the USA, Victorie, Kari, and Heather broke ground on the project in November 2008 and have now concluded their labors; and

Whereas, on February 14, 2009, a ceremony will be held to mark the unveiling of the new welcome sign and recognize these three Scouts; and

Whereas, in attaining the coveted Gold Award, Victorie, Kari, and Heather join the ranks of many high‑achieving American women and may be justly proud of their accomplishment. In constructing the new welcome sign, they join the ranks of honored and appreciated benefactors to the Town of Gaston; and

Whereas, the General Assembly adds its voice to the many family members and friends of these young women in congratulating them on their achievements and wishing them continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Victorie Hansen, Kari Pait, and Heather Redd, of Gaston Girl Scout Troop 3285, for achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award, commend them for their hard work and determination in reaching this goal, and thank them for their labors in constructing a new welcome sign for the town of Gaston.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Victorie Hansen, Kari Pait, and Heather Redd.

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