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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 685

Offered May 31, 2022

Commending Moriah Smith.

Patron—Delaney

WHEREAS, in 2021, Moriah Smith, a student at Oakton High School, achieved the Gold Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Girl Scouts of the USA; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith has earned more than 30 badges and numerous awards since joining the Girl Scouts of the USA in 2013, including the organization's four highest awards, the Bronze Award, the Silver Award, the Silver Trefoil Award, and the Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith's Gold Award project focused on engaging youth through high adventure activities to promote their health and well-being; she planned and ran three workshops for approximately 60 kids of all ages, leading them through several activities and managing the overall implementation of the workshops; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith also published a website and a children's book related to her Gold Award project, the proceeds of which will support the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her commitment to serving others, Moriah Smith received the Community Service and Service to Girl Scouting bars at the cadette, senior, and ambassador levels; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith has participated in many leadership opportunities with the Girl Scouts of the USA, serving as troop president and organizing and running events for younger girls in her service unit; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Moriah Smith became a USA Archery-certified instructor and a Girl Scouts of the USA-certified slingshot instructor, and she frequently volunteers to facilitate events in both sports for younger girls; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith has been a counselor at Girl Scouts of the USA day camps since 2016, leading campers through several activities and serving as a positive role model to the younger scouts; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith completed a Girl Scout Destinations trip to Costa Rica in 2018, where she used her Spanish language abilities to deeply immerse herself in the local culture; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith is a dedicated member of the Oakton High School marching band, serving as section leader in her junior year and as main section leader in her senior year, while sitting on the band council since the end of her junior year; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith has played soccer competitively since she was six years of age, including two years on the junior varsity team at Oakton High School; and

WHEREAS, Moriah Smith has made the All-A honor roll throughout her time at Oakton High School while maintaining an impressive array of extracurricular activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Moriah Smith hereby be commended for earning a Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of the USA; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Moriah Smith as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her accomplishments and best wishes in her future endeavors.