**Sample Press Release for Congressional Offices**

**[ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME] Congratulates [LOCATION] Gold Award Girl Scout for [PROJECT FOCUS]**; example: Senator Doe Congratulates Smallville Gold Award Girl Scout Jane Doe for Developing Sustainable Green Space

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[CITY, STATE] — Today, [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME] congratulates Gold Award Girl Scout [GIRL NAME] for earning Girl Scouts of the USA’s most prestigious award. To earn the Gold Award, [GIRL NAME] developed and carried out [PROJECT NAME], focused on [PROJECT OBJECTIVE].

Gold Award Girl Scouts don’t just change the world for the better, they change it for good. The award acknowledges the power behind each Gold Award Girl Scout’s dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but to making the world a better place for others. Indeed, Gold Award Girl Scouts, girls in grades 9 through 12, demonstrate extraordinary leadership through projects that address some of society’s biggest challenges in a sustainable way, impacting their communities and beyond.

“In earning her Gold Award, [GIRL NAME] exemplifies leadership for the greater good,” said [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME]. “[GIRL NAME] saw a need in her community and took dedicated action to address it.”

Gold Award Girl Scout [GIRL NAME] has distinguished herself as a true community leader and change-maker who has made a meaningful and sustainable difference in the world. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and social responsibility that set her apart from her peers. And research predicts a bright future for her: Gold Award Girl Scouts go on to become more successful in school, develop a stronger sense of self, and report greater life satisfaction than women who weren’t Girl Scouts in their youth. Some colleges and universities even offer scholarships unique to Gold Award Girl Scouts, and award recipients who enlist in the United States Armed Forces receive advanced rank in recognition of their achievements.

Since 1916, approximately 1 million Girl Scouts have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent.