

House Resolution 1242

By: Representative Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Alexis Merlette; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Alexis Merlette has earned the highest and most prestigious award in Girl  
3 Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and
- 4 WHEREAS, requirements for this award include leadership activities, a service project, and  
5 the completion of a Gold Award project that is sustainable and has a measurable outcome;  
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, Alexis participated in a project entitled Security for Zoe, which addressed the  
8 issue of human trafficking around the world, with a particular focus being placed on the  
9 Dunamis Foundation in Quito, Ecuador, which is an organization devoted to helping victims  
10 of trafficking; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Dunamis Foundation is currently in the process of building Zoe's Home,  
12 which will provide permanent housing to 30 women who have been victims of human  
13 trafficking; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Alexis and her team raised money to ship boxes of supplies to Dunamis, all  
15 while raising awareness of human trafficking worldwide; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Alexis, who attends Alpharetta High School in Alpharetta, Georgia, and is in  
17 Troop 3397, used all of her background skills, her knowledge of the Girl Scouts program,  
18 and the support and guidance of her troop advisors to complete her project and be honored  
19 with this prestigious award; and
- 20 WHEREAS, this hard-working young woman has demonstrated outstanding integrity,  
21 honesty, and leadership and is a positive role model for young women in the Girl Scouts  
22 program and throughout this state; and

23 WHEREAS, the perseverance and determination displayed by this exceptional young leader  
24 set an example for all Georgians, and great success is surely in this young woman's future.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body commend Alexis Merlette for her diligence and dedication in  
27 pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Girl Scouts program and congratulate her on  
28 earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
31 Alexis Merlette.