**Sample Press Release for Congressional Offices**

**[TITLE WITH GIRL NAME + GOLD AWARD PROJECT; example: Jane Doe Receives Girl Scouts’ Highest Award for Developing Sustainable Green Space]**

[DATE]

[MEDIA CONTACTS]

[CITY, STATE] – Today, [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME] congratulates [GIRL NAME] for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. The Gold Award recognizes high school Girl Scouts who address issues they are passionate about by planning and implementing a project that produces lasting change in their communities and beyond. To earn the award, [GIRL NAME] developed and carried out [PROJECT NAME], a project that focused on [PROJECT OBJECTIVE].

The Girl Scout Gold Award acknowledges the power behind each Gold Award Girl Scout’s dedication to not only empowering and bettering herself, but also to making the world a better place for others. Through earning the Gold Award, Girl Scouts become innovative problem solvers, empathetic leaders, confident public speakers, and focused project managers. They learn resourcefulness, tenacity, and decision-making skills, giving them an edge personally and professionally.

By earning her Gold Award, [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. According to recent research, Gold Award Girl Scouts are more likely to fill leadership roles at work and in their personal lives and are more civically engaged than their non-Girl Scout peers. Eighty-five percent of Gold Award Girl Scouts say that earning their Gold Award gave them skills to succeed in their daily lives, and eighty-seven percent say it gave them skills to help them succeed professionally.

“Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is truly a remarkable achievement, exemplifying leadership for the greater good,” said [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME]. “[GIRL NAME] saw a need in her community and took action to address it.”

As a bonus, the Gold Award opens doors to a variety of scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, strong networking and amazing career opportunities, and much more. About 4,000 Girl Scouts earn their Gold Award every year, placing [GIRL NAME] among a prestigious community of change-makers who have achieved this honor. Since 1916, over 160,000 Girl Scouts have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent.