**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]**

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[CITY, STATE] – Today, [ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME] congratulates [GIRL NAME] for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouts of the USA’s most prestigious award. 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. Indeed, Gold Award Girl Scouts, girls in grades 9 through 12, demonstrate extraordinary leadership through projects that address society’s biggest challenges in a sustainable way, impacting their communities and beyond.

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. And research predicts a bright future for her: Gold Award Girl Scout alums are 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.

“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.”

Some colleges and universities 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.