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### **SENATOR GOBI JOINS GIRL SCOUTS FROM ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF CHANGING THE WORLD**

**Boston, MA**— On Monday, June 13, **Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer)**, Senate Chair of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, joined approximately 75 Girl Scouts from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their families, Girl Scout volunteers, and leadership staff from both Massachusetts councils at the Massachusetts State House for a “Celebrating 100 Years of Changing the World” event. The event included a ceremony to honor the community-changing work Girl Scouts have performed in pursuit of their Gold Award. For the last century, millions of Girl Scouts have created, developed, and executed “Take Action” projects that have positively impacted their communities and the world, earning Girl Scouts’ highest award.

In this centennial year, Massachusetts Girl Scout Gold Awardees have contributed in excess of 6,000 hours of community service, completing projects that address a range of issues including the isolation experienced by the elderly, domestic violence, care of animals, and disparities in income, education and housing that limit one’s potential.

“The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators is always pleased to play a role in the Gold Award Ceremony of the Girl Scouts here at the State House,” **Senator Anne Gobi** said. “The amount of time and dedication that goes into these projects is exceptional and it is moving to see the positive impact the future generation of leaders has already made here in Massachusetts.”

The Power of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Excellence in Leadership and Life, a research study by the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI), reaffirms the lifetime benefits Gold Award recipients receive pertaining to positive sense of self, life satisfaction, leadership, life success, community service and civic engagement. This year, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts and Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts are proud to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scout Gold Award excellence, innovation, and visionary leadership. The centennial celebration aims to raise awareness of this prestigious award to continue empowering generations of girls to follow their dreams, discover their passions, and make a positive impact in the lives of others.

“What our girls have achieved is transformative for their communities and for themselves,” says Patricia Parcellin, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. “Gold Award recipients come to see themselves as leaders who can do anything, a perspective that is very valuable as they go on to college and the workforce.”

She added, “Gold Awardees often say they would not have had access to these same experiences if it were not for Girl Scouts. That is the power of our program and why our mission still matters 104 years since our founding.”

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