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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Danielle Cary of Collinsville on her recent accomplishments, including her outstanding devotion to personal development and helping others; and

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WHEREAS, Danielle Cary is currently a sophomore at Collinsville High School; and

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WHEREAS, Danielle Cary recently received the Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest level of congressional recognition available to civilian youth that requires participants to demonstrate a commitment to their personal growth and community development; and

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WHEREAS, Danielle Cary registered for the Congressional Award program in October of 2020, taking on the tremendous responsibility to intentionally better herself and the lives of those around her at age 13 and a half, the youngest that a student can register for the program; her dedication to completing the program was made only more impressive given the widespread uncertainty caused by the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, To earn the Congressional Award Gold Medal,
2 Danielle Cary actively participated in the program for a
3 minimum 24 months, during which she completed a minimum 400
4 hours of voluntary public service, logged a minimum 200 hours
5 of physical fitness, and completed a five-day expedition; and

6 WHEREAS, Through the Congressional Award program, Danielle
7 Cary took the opportunity to engage in many different personal
8 interests and community needs, including teaching herself how
9 to play the ukulele, completing scuba diving certification,
10 earning her second degree black belt in taekwondo, and
11 volunteering with the Caseyville Public Library, the Disabled
12 American Veterans (DAV), and the Girl Scouts; and

13 WHEREAS, For the five-day expedition requirement, Danielle
14 Cary embraced the chance to explore environments and cultures
15 vastly different from those she knew in Illinois by visiting
16 the Caribbean nation of Curaçao; while there, she pursued
17 hiking and scuba diving to familiarize herself with the
18 landscape, history, and culture of the island and its people;
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20 WHEREAS, Danielle Cary was also recently named a Gold
21 Award Girl Scout after successfully completing the Girl
22 Scouts' Gold Award program through partnering with a local
23 hospital and library to offer new sensory activities for

1 pediatric therapy patients and sensory-friendly events for
2 Collinsville residents; she previously completed the tasks
3 necessary to be named a Bronze Award Girl Scout in 2012 and a
4 Silver Award Girl Scout in 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Danielle Cary has maintained her commitment to
6 serving her community while still actively participating in
7 school activities through involvement in multiple clubs and
8 sports teams as well as excelling academically; and

9 WHEREAS, Danielle Cary is a true public servant, and she
10 continues to serve her community through various projects in
11 pursuit of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, which
12 requires that she complete an additional 100 service hours;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we recognize Danielle Cary on her recent accomplishments,
17 thank her for her dedication to public service and the people
18 of Illinois, and wish her success in her future endeavors; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Danielle Cary as an expression of our esteem and
22 respect.