

House Resolution 718

By: Representative Dollar of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and congratulating Matelyn Riordan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Matelyn Riordan 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, for her project, Sealing Success with Cement, Matelyn sought to reduce violent
8 crime, high dropout rates, and the digital divide; she constructed a 400-square-foot outdoor
9 patio near the Life Teen office at her church, furnished it, and provided ten laptops for the
10 space so that teens could have access to 21st century technology and complete their
11 homework in a safe space; further, she created awareness about the issues through use of
12 social media, a website, speeches, newspaper articles, and by writing to Congress; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Matelyn, a member of Troop 26214, used all of her background skills, her
14 knowledge of the Girl Scouts program, and the support and guidance of her troop advisers
15 to complete her project and be honored with this prestigious award; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this hard-working young woman has demonstrated outstanding integrity,
17 honesty, and leadership and is a positive role model for young women in the Girl Scouts
18 program and throughout this state; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the perseverance and determination displayed by this exceptional young leader
20 set an example for all Georgians, and great success is surely in this young woman's future.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend Matelyn Riordan for her diligence and dedication in

23 pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Girl Scouts program and congratulate her on
24 earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
27 Matelyn Riordan.