

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 537

WHEREAS, Rachel Anne Samek of Valley View has earned great distinction with her receipt of the American Heritage Girls Stars & Stripes Award; and

WHEREAS, The Stars & Stripes Award is the highest honor given by AHG, a faith-centered leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age; dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country, the initiative provides a wide range of programs for youth as they learn the values of perseverance and responsibility; award criteria includes achieving a required number of merit badges, holding a troop leadership position, overseeing a service project, and passing a board review; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Gary and Ellen Samek, Rachel Anne Samek belongs to AHG Troop TX1618; she joined AHG at the age of five and is the first in her family to complete the program, having earned all five of the level awards over the course of her 13 years of membership; for the Stars & Stripes Award, she exceeded the required number of 16 merit badges by receiving 34, and she put in more than 350 hours on her community service project that involved building four fitness and exercise stations for residents along the Jaycee Park walking trail in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, During her high school years, Ms. Samek has served as the senior girl leader and elite honor guard commander for her troop; moreover, she has garnered numerous awards as a member of the Cooke County 4-H Club, and she is also affiliated with the Texas 4-H Council, the Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Star of Destiny Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century; in addition, she is a member of the Red River Christian Homeschoolers community, New Life Bible Church, and Awana Clubs of Denton Bible Church; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished young Texan has demonstrated remarkable initiative and dedication in the pursuit of her goals and service to her fellow citizens, and she is a source of great pride to her family and her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby congratulate Rachel Anne Samek on receiving the American Heritage Girls Stars & Stripes Award and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Samek as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate