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CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie Franko, the daughter of Robert and Melanie Franko, was born on May 3, 1993 in Twenty-Nine Palms, California. She attends Rolling Hills Preparatory School in Palos Verdes, where she will graduate in June, 2012, and

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie has shown that she understands and represents what it means to be a Gold Award Girl Scout. She earned the Gold Award by meeting the Girl Scout national standards, and achievement of this national award reflects the dedication, time, leadership, creativity and effort that she has contributed to making her community better; and

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie began her scouting career as a Brownie in the year 2000 when she joined Troop 61 and then transitioned to Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and is now an Ambassador Girl Scout; and

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie enjoyed the many activities offered by Troop 61, especially camping at Leo Carrillo State Park and at the Girl Scout camp in Big Bear. Anne-Marie also participated in various community events including camping workshops with younger Girl Scouts, childcare nights, and the warm coat drive. As a member of Troop 61, Anne-Marie earned the Bronze Award on a project for the Ronald McDonald House hosting a dinner with games and homemade blankets as gifts. The troop Silver Award involved filling backpacks with school supplies for students of St. Lawrence Brindisi. For her Gold Award, Anne-Marie spent 172 hours building libraries in Gardena, Torrance, and Harbor City for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the South Bay. She collected and catalogued 1,600 books for all ages, including bilingual books for a literacy program, and set up a checkout system for them to take books home. 100 friends donated the books and bookcases; and

WHEREAS, In addition to scouting activities, Anne-Marie has demonstrated a passion for drama and music, participating in all school plays and musical events. She is also an avid ice skater, in both individual competitions, and on an award-winning synchronized skating team, and as a volunteer teaching younger children to skate. Anne-Marie is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, and the International Thespian Honor Society, and served as a Big Sister and on Student Council. She is fluent in French, achieving her Advanced Placement French exam through self-study, and she has traveled extensively in Western Europe. Anne-Marie is an active member of the youth planning committee at American Martyrs Church, where she assists with retreats and teen activities. She has always been interested in helping children, and in elementary school Anne-Marie began a Holiday Toy Drive, collecting up to 600 toys and books every year for the patients at Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie is looking forward to attending a four-year college majoring in International Studies. She feels that she will be prepared for college life; to leave home for this new adventure; and will look forward to the challenges that college life will bring her once she completes her senior year at Rolling Hills Prep; and

WHEREAS, Anne-Marie is an exceptional example of the leader of tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, on behalf of the residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby congratulate

ANNE-MARIE FRANKO

on being honored for attaining the Gold Award in Girl Scouting and for her many achievements.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2011.