

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

Commending Marissa Incatasciato.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2022

WHEREAS, Marissa Incatasciato, a member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and student at Heritage High School in Leesburg, won the opportunity to send a science experiment to the International Space Station in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Incatasciato was one of only nine entrants selected out of 700 in the Making Space for Girls Challenge, which is sponsored by SpaceKids Global in conjunction with the Citrus Council of the Girl Scouts of the USA, to win the opportunity to send her science experiment into space aboard a SpaceX spaceship; and

WHEREAS, the vision behind Marissa Incatasciato's experiment is that one day astronauts may stay alive on deep-space missions by using living microorganisms to process carbon dioxide and waste more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Making Space for Girls Challenge, Marissa Incatasciato pursued her passion for science and outer space by attending and graduating from the Space Academy at the United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, as part of a Girls Scout Destinations program in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a year later, Marissa Incatasciato earned a Silver Award, the highest award available at the time to a Girl Scout at her level, for teaching biology, chemistry, geology, and astronomy concepts to elementary school students at a summer day camp; and

WHEREAS, Marissa Incatasciato's accomplishments are the result of her boundless imagination and creativity and her hard work and dedication, showing great promise for a bright and successful future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Marissa Incatasciato hereby be commended for winning the Making Space for Girls Challenge and earning the privilege to send her science experiment to space; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marissa Incatasciato as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her achievements and best wishes in her future endeavors.

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