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SENATOR RECOGNIZES FOUR SISTERS FOR UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN GIRL SCOUTING

March 16, 2009 (HARRISBURG, PA) – Senator Mike Waugh (R-York) honored the four daughters of Brad and Joan Sterner from Hanover on the unique accomplishment of each earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award possible as a Girl Scout.

“Only 5.4% of Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award,” said Waugh. “And here we have four sisters who have each been successful in attaining this achievement.”

Combined, the girls dedicated 43 years to the Girl Scouts. Aislinn, 26, Erica, 24, Kristin 22, and Laura 20 each followed similar paths throughout their scouting careers. All four trained to be Program Aides at Girl Scout camp during the summers. They each achieved the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award for a Cadette Girl Scout. And each earned the Girl Scout Gold Award before graduating from South Western High School.

The Sterner girls come from a strong scouting background. Their mother was a Girl Scout for 12 years and served as a Junior Scout Leader for 10 years. Two of their uncles earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and their grandparents served as leaders within the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

“It is an honor and a privilege to recognize one family’s accomplishments, their dedication to personal development and their service to community,” said Waugh. “They are true role models for all Pennsylvania residents.”

Waugh presented a citation to the family prior to the start of session. During session, he welcomed them as guests in the gallery and recognized them for their accomplishments.

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About Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA), a United Way partner agency, was formed on May 1, 2007 through the merger of Hemlock (Harrisburg), Penn Laurel (York), Penn's Woods (Wilkes-Barre) and Scranton Pocono (Scranton) Girl Scout councils. Headquartered in Harrisburg, the council serves nearly 37,000 girls and 12,000 adults in northeastern and central Pennsylvania through staff in eight regional, community based service centers.

About Girl Scouts

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with three million girl and adult members. Girl Scouting is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girls Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.

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