

City of  
**Sparks**

**Commendation**

**WHEREAS**, Nevada has one of the highest rates of homelessness in America, and among those homeless are 1.35 million students, with nearly 3,000 homeless students in our own Washoe County School District; and

**WHEREAS**, those homeless teens are at a critical crossroads in completing their educations, with many suffering from emotional, physical or sexual abuse, drug or alcohol addiction, sexual orientation, or teen pregnancy, while also experiencing the many challenges of just being a teenager; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of Project 150 to provide food, clothing, school supplies, sports equipment, shoes and other special requests to homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the specific goal of students Gwenivere McDonald and Irene DeHaan to educate the community about homeless teenagers in our region, what causes homelessness among teens, and how the community can come to the aid of this often forgotten group.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council to commend the efforts of Irene DeHaan and Gwen McDonald as they strive to earn the Girl Scout Silver Award through collaboration with Project 150 and educating our community about homeless teens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
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**GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk**

