The Girl Scouts is an excellent organization that prepares girls to be leaders in their home, school and community," said Councilwoman Cartright. "It is important to have the youth participate in government at an early age because it sets the stage for citizen engagement later in life."

"I am always delighted for the opportunity to engage school aged children and discuss the important civic role each person has in building a community," said Suffolk County Legislator Hahn. "The future leaders within Girl Scout Troop 2867 are passionate about service and I am grateful that they joined Councilwoman Cartright and I to discuss the ways local government can complement their efforts."

The Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 with the principal that "all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually." The "Inside Government" badge is earned by learning about government, what it means to be a good citizen, and how laws affect every day life.