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Local Girl Scout Earns National Honor Daisy Girl Scout Saves Family From Fire

MOUNDSVILLE - Proctor's, Emilyn Richards, 6, will join a select group of girls on Tuesday, September 19th by being awarded the one of the most prestigious awards in Girl Scouting: the Girl Scouts of the USA's National Lifesaving Medal of Honor, in a ceremony at Theresa's Fabrics in Moundsville at 5PM.

Emilyn is being honored for her heroic role in assisting her family to escape their smoke filled home. Emilyn heard a loud ringing noise (the smoke detector) and knew what to do. She grabbed her three year old brother, Quinten, then the cat and persistently screamed to wake up her parents. The family dog had jumped against the stove and turned the burners on. While nothing had caught fire, the house was full of smoke. Emilyn followed through with the family's fire plan and knew exactly what to do.

Quinten said that "Sissy woke me and got me out of the bed and grabbed the cat. She woke mommy and daddy up and there was a big fire."

Awarded since 1912, the red-and-gold medal is given to no more than 30 girls each year who have saved or attempted to save a life. The nomination came from her troop leader, Jody Gouldsberry.

"The Girl Scout Motto is "Be prepared." said Beth Casey, Chief Executive Officer of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council. "Emilyn proves that even at a young age, Girl Scouts can learn the skills to take action in an emergency. We're incredibly proud that we have girls like Emilyn in Girl Scouting."

The Medal of Honor is a lifesaving award given to those who "have saved or attempted to save a human life under circumstances that indicate heroism. This award is reserved for those Girl Scouts who have performed heroic acts beyond the degree of maturity and training to be expected at their age." The prestigious award has been a part of the Girl Scouts since the organization began in 1912.

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Scouts of Black Diamond Council serves more than 8,100 girls in 61 counties in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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