

*“As a young Girl Scout in Troop 357, I learned many things. I belonged to a great group of young ladies, and I was a part of something great. In 2004, our troop passed a bill that would make Yule marble Colorado's state rock. Here's what I learned:*

- *Road trips with lots of middle school girls is a nightmare.*
- *There are tons of steps involved with passing a bill.*
- *Leslee Randolph has extremely high patience.*
- *Clare Marshall is extremely knowledgeable about all things rock-related. Also, let's see if this sounds familiar to anyone: Colorado has a red official state mineral, rhodochrosite. Colorado has a blue official state gemstone, aquamarine. If the state rock were white, the official geological symbols would be red, white, and blue. Yule marble has been used in many famous buildings and sculptures, including the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., Tomb of the Unknowns, Colorado State Capitol building, Chessman Memorial in Denver, Colorado State Museum in Denver, and Denver Court House.*
- *The first major use of the Yule Marble was in the Colorado State Capitol building, in 1895*

*The most important lesson I learned from all this hard work is you can achieve anything you put your mind to. A group of young girls with the help of a few very strong women were able to pass a bill into law in the state of Colorado. We weren't experienced in the way governments work. We had no idea what we were doing. (The help we received from Senator Betty Boyd was incredible, we wouldn't have been able to do it without her.)*

*I learned to be proud of my accomplishments. Our troop is going to be a part of Colorado's history forever, and having that accomplishment, knowing that I was part of something great, gives me the courage to continue doing great things.”*

- *Laura Eckhardt*