

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Richard Lee upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Richard Lee, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012, at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lee is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 255, Greater New York Council in Whitestone, New York, sponsored by the Conron Camp Foundation; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her greatest heights of glory through the dedication, determination and tireless efforts of the outstanding citizens of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, The highest achievement of leadership in Scouting, earned by only five percent of all Boy Scouts, is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding young man has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals and has attained all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, Noting that the walkway surrounding the lake at Oakland Lakes was constantly muddy and wet because of the continuous runoff of water from the streets surrounding the lake, Richard Lee resolved to correct the problem; and

WHEREAS, To help keep mud and water from flowing down the hill from a barren spot at the top of the hill, Richard Lee, with the help of others, first planted 1,500 mixed plugs and plants as well as seeds to help the soil stay in place and absorb the water runoff; they then cleared all the debris, after which they built water bars to help the water to be absorbed on the hillside rather than in the walkway by building V-shaped structures and planting plants between the V of the structures to help slow down the water flow; and

WHEREAS, Richard Lee's perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of his ability to master difficult tasks; his accomplishment will enable him to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State and his Nation, and no doubt his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate and honor Richard Lee on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Lee.