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

WHEREAS, Kevin Kershaw, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he completed the Eagle Scout requirements on February 7, 2013 and will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony to be held on Friday, May 10, 2013 at East Broadway School in Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kershaw is a member of Boy Scouts of America Theodore Roosevelt Council Troop 96 in Seaford; 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, For his Eagle project Kevin Kershaw renovated an East Broadway School room; he removed the shelving, stock and books; he donated the unwanted material and turned the East Broadway School, a 730-pupil elementary school, room into a new usable literature and book storage facility; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kershaw and the team helping him sorted out and cataloged the books by grade and subject; they removed the trash and discarded the broken items and also removed and donated unwanted material which made space for other educational materials; and

WHEREAS, Many of the books and other material no longer wanted or needed by East Broadway School were given to charities and a school in Long Beach which will use them; and

WHEREAS, The new room is ready and is already, in addition, also being used as a classroom for small group instruction; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Kershaw'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 Kevin Kershaw on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Kershaw.