

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

WHEREAS, Andrew Murphy, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held to mark his accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, The son of Peter and Rhonda Murphy, Andrew Murphy is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 41, East Greenbush, New York, Twin Rivers Council; 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 project, Andrew Murphy led a group of 28 volunteers to renovate the sand filter for Camp Pinnacle, a religious retreat center in Vorheesville, New York; the 180 hour effort included removing weeds and roots from a 5,400 square foot area, and planting new grass to eliminate the potential for new weeds; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the successful completion of this project, Camp Pinnacle's septic system was brought into compliance with the Albany County health code; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Murphy is a junior at Averill Park High School, where he is involved in performing arts; he has played saxophone in both middle and high school bands; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Murphy'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 Andrew Murphy on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Murphy.