

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan J. Campbell upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Ryan J. Campbell, the son of Ellen T. and John F. Campbell, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony to be held on June 2, 2013 at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp in Calverton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Campbell is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 62 in Westhampton Beach, New York; he has been active in Scouting since he was six years old; he is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as the Secretary Treasurer of his local chapter and has both worked at and volunteered at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp; 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, Ryan Campbell restored an upstairs classroom at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church for use by its Sunday School and Youth Group; the room was in a state of disrepair and needed cleaning up and cleaning out; and

WHEREAS, In addition to emptying the room of abandoned items and thoroughly cleaning it, including stripping and waxing the floor, he painted the room and had new electrical power outlets and wall switches installed; and

WHEREAS, The old inefficient florescent light fixtures in the room were replaced with new, more energy efficient, cost-effective ones and the plumbing, cabinets and counter in a small kitchen area were replaced; and

WHEREAS, Ryan raised the funds needed for the project by having a chicken barbecue fundraiser; the fundraiser was quite a challenge in itself; it involved writing to area businesses seeking donations of food and supplies, presales of tickets, setting up, preparing, and serving the food, and of course, clean up; and

WHEREAS, Thirty adult and youth volunteers put in a total of 318 hours of work helping Ryan complete the project; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Campbell'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 Ryan J. Campbell on achieving the rank of Eagle

Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan J. Campbell.