

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Michael Montagna upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael Montagna, 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 Sunday, May 18, 2014, at Westhampton Beach Fire Department in Westhampton Beach, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael Montagna is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 62; he has served as Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, where he was assigned to orient new scouts to his troop, working closely with new members to get them acquainted with fellow scouts, and to better understand the rank and merit badge processes; 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, Thomas Michael Montagna's project was for the beautification of Rogers Beach in Westhampton Beach after Hurricane Sandy when the beach lost a large amount of beach grass and sand, and major erosion of the beach dunes; his goal was to preserve and protect the beach dunes, planting 3,300 beach grass plugs, and installing sand fencing to maintain the sand within the dunes while the beach grass grows, which will lessen the effect of erosion, and create protection for the beach; he also planted Solidago to attract Monarch Butterflies to the beach; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Thomas Michael Montagna attends Westhampton Beach High School, and is active on the school's Football and Lacrosse Teams; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Michael Montagna'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 Thomas Michael Montagna on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Michael Montagna.