LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Hayden Christopher Holmes upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Hayden Christopher Holmes, 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 recognize his latest accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Hayden Christopher Holmes is the son of Jackie and Tim Holmes; he is also an admirable role model for his brothers, Jordan and Camerin, an asset to his community, and has a penchant for making things he is involved with always better; and

WHEREAS, A senior at North Tonawanda High School, Hayden Christopher Holmes will attend Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, in the fall where he will study Aero Space Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Hayden Christopher Holmes has been a Scout since he was six years old; he has been to many weekend camps and has experienced high adventure trips to Philmont and a Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill; he also had the opportunity, along with his brothers, to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery; 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, Hayden Christopher Holmes along with his friends, relatives and members of his football team cleaned, scraped, sanded and refinished the Concession Stand and Building at the Little League Baseball Park in North Tonawanda, New York; and

WHEREAS, Hayden Christopher Holmes' 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 Hayden Christopher Holmes on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hayden Christopher Holmes.