

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating David Charles Wirth upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 22, 2016

WHEREAS, David Charles Wirth, 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 22, 2016, at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post No. 1040, Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 12 years, David Charles Wirth, the son of Carl D. and Mia E. Wirth, has been a vital member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 58, Elsmere, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to earning the coveted Eagle Scout, David Charles Wirth has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 2007 World Conservation Award, the 2009 Super Scout, and the 2010 J. Harold Williams Award for Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his scouting career, David Charles Wirth has held various leadership positions such as Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Order of the Arrow Troop Representative; he is also a member of the Order of the Arrow and successfully completed the Venturing Program; and

WHEREAS, As a Scout, David Charles Wirth enjoyed hiking Appalachian Trail sections, and exploring Sea Base in Florida, as well as historic sites in Gettysburg, Philadelphia and Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; he has attended numerous Annual Camporees, Camp Boyhaven, the 2010 National Jamboree, and Yawgoog Summer Camp since 2009; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Bethlehem Central High School, David Charles Wirth has participated in the S.W.A.T. program and the Garden Club; in an effort to raise funds for his school, he enthusiastically sells Sydney's Cycling Sauce; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, David Charles Wirth plans on attending a cooking school, and strives to hold a career in the culinary field; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at school or at a Boy Scout activity, David Charles Wirth is a competitive rower with the Albany Rowing Club and runs in the Ice Breaker Challenge 5K Race; in 2013, he volunteered his time and energy on a mission trip to Nicaragua where he helped refurbish Centro Ecular Life Link, a school in Ciudad Sandino; 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, David Charles Wirth constructed a new bridge at the Pine Hollow Arboretum, a non-profit nature preserve in Slingerlands, New York; the bridge will allow visitors to explore more of the Arboretum property and allow them to view a larger variety of trees; and

WHEREAS, David Charles Wirth'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 David Charles Wirth on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Charles Wirth.