

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Sharpelletti upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Ryan Sharpelletti, 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 Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Hamptons Methodist Church in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Sharpelletti is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 58, Southampton, New York; 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, Ryan Sharpelletti built an outdoor turtle pen for the South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center (SOFON) in Bridgehampton, New York; the pen will provide the Eastern Box turtles residing at SOFON a more natural habitat in which to have the opportunity to hibernate and procreate; and

WHEREAS, Outside of Scouting, much of Ryan Sharpelletti's high school career has been focused on community service through his involvement with such organizations and clubs as Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Flying Point Foundation for Autism, Key Club, Girls Learn International, the Mariner's Patriot Club, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, last spring, Ryan Sharpelletti spent his Easter break helping to build a vocational school for the community of Constanza in the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Sharpelletti'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 Sharpelletti on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

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