

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

WHEREAS, William Menghini, 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 Hamptons Methodist Church in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Menghini began his trail to Eagle Scout as a Wolf Cub with Cub Scout Pack 14 in 2006; upon earning the Arrow of Light Award as a Webelos, he crossed over to become a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 58 in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious Scouting career, William Menghini earned 43 diverse merit badges, and became a member of both the BSA's National Honor Society and Order of the Arrow; he has also earned all three BSA Catholic Religious Emblems through the Archdiocese of Rockville Centre: Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII; and

WHEREAS, In addition, William Menghini has served in numerous leadership positions with Troop 58, including his role as Den Chief, in which he acted as a liaison between Cub Scout Pack 14 and Troop 58, and Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, William has attended numerous summer camps, and was part of the Suffolk County Council, Trailblazer District contingent that went to the Boy Scouts of America's National Jamboree in West Virginia; 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, William Menghini built a Flag Dignity Depository from solid mahogany for the Southampton Elks Lodge No. 1574 for the purposes of storing old, tattered, and damaged American flags before they are taken to a dignified BSA flag burning ceremony at summer camp, once a year; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Southampton High School, William Menghini will be attending Sacred Heart University in Fairfield Connecticut, where he plans to study Business/Finance at the Jack Welch School of Business; and

WHEREAS, William Menghini'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 William Menghini on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Menghini.