

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Joseph J. Puma, Jr. upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 15th, 2016

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Puma, Jr., 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 15th, 2016, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Puma, Jr., the son of Joseph and Nellie Puma, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 4, Geneva, 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, Joseph J. Puma, Jr. and 10 volunteers spent over 90 hours refinishing two sets of ornate historic doors at the front entrance to St. Frances Church in Geneva, New York; the doors were stripped of previous varnish, then hand-sanded and refinished with multiple coats of varnish; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Puma, Jr.'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 Joseph J. Puma, Jr. on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph J. Puma, Jr.