

Senate Resolution No. 1031

**BY:** Senator PHILLIPS

**CONGRATULATING** Peter Minerva upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 7, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Peter Minerva, 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 7, 2017, at St. Ignatius Loyola School, Hicksville, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Peter Minerva is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 382, Hicksville, 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,** Peter Minerva's project consisted of multiple tasks which benefitted the Hicksville Boys and Girls Club; with the help of fellow scouts, adults and friends, Peter removed an old broken fence and replaced it with a new one; he also refurbished, built and painted a table; he then cleaned and cleared a dirt patch and transformed it into a beautiful garden; the funds needed to complete this project were raised by way of holding fundraisers and soliciting donations; and

**WHEREAS,** Peter Minerva'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 Peter Minerva on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Minerva.