

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATING Matthew Breiman upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 7, 2017

WHEREAS, Matthew Breiman, 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, in Monsignor Tarrant Hall at St. Ignatius Loyola School in Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Breiman is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 382 of Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, in 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, For his project, Matthew Breiman renovated a rain garden at the Western Waterfront Center for the Town of Oyster Bay; a rain garden absorbs all the water from rainwater runoff into the ground as opposed to draining into the sewer, protecting wildlife by absorbing chemicals and helping to prevent deterioration of sea life; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Matthew Breiman built two benches for patrons to use when they are visiting the garden, installed wooden posts to designate parking areas, and constructed a bulletin board to display Town announcements and information, as well as re-seeded the area around the garden and planted bulbs to beautify the landscape; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Breiman'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 Matthew Breiman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Breiman.