

**BY:** Senator PHILLIPS

**CONGRATULATING** Daniel McGuigan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 31, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Daniel McGuigan, 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 Friday, March 31, 2017, at the Clinton G. Martin Pool and Recreation Center in New Hyde Park, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Daniel McGuigan is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 544 in New Hyde Park; throughout the years, he has held several leadership positions and has served as a role model for his fellow Scouts; and

**WHEREAS,** An exceptional student, Daniel McGuigan is a member of the National Honor Society, and was named an AP Scholar; he also took the National Spanish Exam and was the recipient of the Saint Michael's Book Award for Academic Achievement and Social Conscience; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 2013, Daniel McGuigan has participated in both Indoor Track and Spring Track and Field, where he and his relay team achieved two school records; and

**WHEREAS,** Daniel McGuigan serves as the Drum Major for his school's marching band, and is a member of the jazz band, and the pit band for school musicals; he is also an active participant in the Red Cross Club, the Photography Club, and the Spanish Club, the FBLA, and works on **The Chariot School Newspaper**; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Daniel McGuigan has donated his time and energy to numerous volunteer and community activities including the Jones Beach Brain Aneurysm Awareness Walk, the Holy Spirit Family Mass Band, the NYSSMA Music Festival at the New Hyde Park Memorial, and the Nepal Earthquake Fundraiser, as well as Katie's Run; 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, Daniel McGuigan first raised money through a car wash, and then replaced the old and sagging shelving units at the Holy Spirit Church Food Pantry; with the help of fellow Scouts, friends and family, he constructed six spill-resistant bookcases which will serve as the new shelving units; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Daniel McGuigan.