

Senate Resolution No. 1420

BY: Senator LARKIN

CONGRATULATING James Patrick Monahan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 22, 2017

WHEREAS, James Patrick Monahan, 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, April 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Monahan is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 386, in Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, A freshman at Chapel Field High School, James Patrick Monahan participates in the junior varsity baseball team and the concert band; a musician for the New York State Volunteers Civil War Reenactors, he has participated in numerous Living History programs in Orange County, New York, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; 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, James Patrick Monahan restored the facade of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Montgomery; he replaced a 16-foot tall wooden cross, removed the overgrown bushes and border at the base of the cross, as well as replaced them with flowering perennials and a brick border; he also planted perennials and added river rocks to a 665-square foot section along the Church Hall; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Monahan'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 James Patrick Monahan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Patrick Monahan.