

BY: Senator LARKIN

CONGRATULATING Ryan Johns upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors on February 19, 2017

WHEREAS, Ryan Johns, 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, February 19, 2017, at Catholic War Veteran's Hall in Pine Bush, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Johns, the son of Mr. Dennis Johns, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 37, Pine Bush, 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, Ryan Johns received donations from local area businesses and organized a group of Boy Scouts to assist him in repairing the exterior of the Mountain View United Methodist Church in Pine Bush; he landscaped the front of the church, removed the decaying fence and refurbished the handicapped ramp and rails; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Pine Bush is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, As he goes forward in his academic career, Ryan Johns plans on pursuing a degree in Computer Technology, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Johns'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 Ryan Johns on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Johns.