

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING Joseph Philipppone upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 12, 2017

WHEREAS, Joseph Philipppone, 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, March 12, 2017, at Saint Martin Lutheran Church in Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Philipppone, the son of Steven and Eileen Philipppone, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 110, Webster, 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, Joseph Philipppone upgraded the community vegetable garden at Saint Peter's Soup Kitchen in Rochester, New York, which has doubled the amount of produce available to the soup kitchen while using sustainable and environmentally friendly means to water the garden; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Philipppone's project included the fabrication and installation of four raised gardens, three rainwater collection barrels and a drip irrigation system for watering; the collection system included building a pitched-roof structure, rain gutter and three storage barrels; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Philipppone was able to show his strong leadership skills in managing the efforts of about 25 scouts, leaders and other volunteers for a total of 245 hours of service time; and

WHEREAS, A Senior at Webster Thomas High School, Joseph Philipppone is very active in the Music Department; he plays the saxophone and piano, and is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph Philipppone is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society, and has distinguished himself by achieving a black belt in karate; he is involved in several extracurricular activities such as volunteering at the Saint Peter's Soup Kitchen, serving as a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Rita Church and skiing; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Philipppone has applied to several colleges and universities and plans to major in Music Business; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Philipppone'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 Joseph Philipppone on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Philipppone.