

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Zachary Van Leuven upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on August 2, 2016

WHEREAS, Zachary Van Leuven through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; an Eagle Court of Honor Recognition Ceremony will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the Catholic War Veteran's Hall, Post 1937, Pine Bush, New York; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Van Leuven, the son of Patricia and Donald, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 37, Pine Bush, New York; and

WHEREAS, Faithful to a lifetime of service to community and commitment to others, Zachary Van Leuven plans to pursue a career in Electrical Construction and carry the ideals of Scouting forward into his future; 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, Zachary Van Leuven demolished and reassembled a new set of historically accurate basement doors at the historic Edmonston House in Vails Gate, New York; and

WHEREAS, With assistance from fellow scouts and their parents, Zachary Van Leuven uncovered historically accurate plans from 1765 and crafted the basement doors using hand forged rose head nails and hardware; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Van Leuven'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 Zachary Van Leuven on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zachary Van Leuven.