

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATING Raymond Gresalfi upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 11, 2018

WHEREAS, Raymond Gresalfi, 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, May 11, 2018, at the Clinton G. Martin Pool and Recreation Center in New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Gresalfi is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 544 in New Hyde Park, 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, Raymond Gresalfi constructed a shed at Crab Meadow Golf Course in Huntington, New York, to store the Paragolfer, a golf cart which allows people with physical disabilities to play golf; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Raymond Gresalfi organized a 9-hole golf outing at the club to raise awareness of the many benefits of the Paragolfer; he also arranged to have Stand Up and Play Golf Instructor Jake Jacobson lead a demonstration and clinic; both events, raised significant funds for the Stand Up and Play Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Gresalfi'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 Raymond Gresalfi on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond Gresalfi.