

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATING Robert Dodson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 4, 2018

WHEREAS, Robert Dodson, 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 4, 2018, at the American Legion Hall, Williston Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Mineola, New York, Robert "Bobby" Dodson is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 200, Williston Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dodson graduated from Mineola High School, where he was a member of its marching band; he is currently a student at Nassau Community College; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for Scouting, Robert Dodson was inducted into the Matinecock Chapter of the Buckskin Lodge, of the Order of the Arrow, where he is now Chapter Chief; he is also an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 200; 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, Robert Dodson recreated a new and safe fire ring surrounded by handmade log seating at a campsite located in Christopher Morley Park in Nassau County; he also cleared the fallen branches, leaves, and installed two new picnic tables; and

WHEREAS, This campsite is used by the community, and is also used to introduce young scouts to camping; county residents and troops are already enjoying the benefits of Robert Dodson's hard work; and

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

WHEREAS, Robert Dodson'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 Robert Dodson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Dodson.