

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATING William Silvio Boutzalis upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 10, 2018

WHEREAS, William Silvio Boutzalis, 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, June 10, 2018, at Plandome Village Hall in Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Silvio Boutzalis is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 71 in Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, William Silvio Boutzalis has served as Patrol Leader twice and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and completed Scout leader training at the Junior Leadership Orientation Workshop; and

WHEREAS, William Silvio Boutzalis proudly earned the Boy Scouts of America's Citizen Preparedness Corps Certificate; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Manhasset High School, William Silvio Boutzalis has been a vital member of the crew team and the International Club, and is on the High Honor Roll; after graduating, he plans to major in Real Estate and Urban Economics at the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, William Silvio Boutzalis received a Certificate of Achievement from the Town of North Hempstead for Community Service at Adventures in Learning and a Sportsmanship Award two years in a row from Port Washington Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, When he is not in school or on the water, William Silvio Boutzalis works at Umberto's Pizzeria and Restaurant; 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, William Silvio Boutzalis revitalized and replanted the Veterans Memorial Garden in Waldman Memorial Park across from his home in the Village of Munsey Park, New York; he broke up the soil, cleared the weeds and then planted new flowers, plants and small bushes with a red, white and blue design representing the American flag; he finished the garden by applying soil protecting ground vegetation and wood chips; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the garden, William Silvio Boutzalis cleaned and brightened the dinghy brass memorial plaque and installed a solar panel light to illuminate the flag and memorial at night; and

WHEREAS, William Silvio Boutzalis' 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 William Silvio Boutzalis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Silvio Boutzalis.