

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Stephen Edward Linton upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 31, 2018

WHEREAS, Stephen Edward Linton, 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 Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Hamburg United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Edward Linton, 18, is a member of Boy Scouts of America, Greater Niagara Frontier Council Troop 509, Hamburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man has spent 11 years in scouting, during which time he has been introduced to the concepts of citizenship and service; he has truly grown as a leader, serving as an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader and as a mentor to the younger scouts; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Edward Linton has stretched his wings, taking on high adventure treks that have tested his endurance, his independence, and his scout skills on the trail and in the water; he participated in an expedition at scouting's high adventure mecca in New Mexico, Philmont, BSA Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and a 45-mile hiking trip up and down the rugged hills of New York's Adirondack region, as well as several troop weekend campouts and summer camps; 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, Stephen Edward Linton led various teams in

a project to provide park benches to an assisted living center; he also led groups in the clean-up and beautification of the facilities' gardens; and

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

WHEREAS, Stephen Edward Linton'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 Stephen Edward Linton on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen Edward Linton.