

Senate Resolution No. 700

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**CONGRATULATING** Matthew McDonald upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on February 6, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Matthew McDonald, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on Monday, February 6, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew McDonald is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 104, Kenmore, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A 2016 Kenmore West High School graduate, Matthew McDonald joined Cub Pack 104 in the spring of 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew McDonald is currently a freshmen at Brockport State College where he studies exercise science; 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, Matthew McDonald led the construction of a storage shed for the Kenilworth Library; the shed will primarily be used to store landscaping and snow removal equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew McDonald'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 Matthew McDonald on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew McDonald.