

BY: Senator LANZA

CONGRATULATING Nicholas LaRocca upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 23, 2017

WHEREAS, Nicholas LaRocca, 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, April 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas LaRocca is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, The Church of Saint Christopher, Staten Island, New York; currently, he is a Freshman at the College of Staten Island, majoring in computer science; he plans to continue in scouting to guide the younger scouts on their way to the rank of Eagle; 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; and

WHEREAS, To become an Eagle Scout, Nicholas LaRocca earned 30 merit badges, nine more than the required 21 for the rank of Eagle; he served his Troop in a variety of leadership roles including Den Chief and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas LaRocca is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrows, Scouting's Honor Society which gives cheerful service to others; and

WHEREAS, As a Life Scout, Nicholas LaRocca completed a major community service project; for his assignment, he and his team restored and preserved Old Richmond Town, a Staten Island landmark which dates back to the 1600s; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas LaRocca'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 Nicholas LaRocca on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas LaRocca.