

Senate Resolution No. 942

BY: Senator AVELLA

CONGRATULATING Matthew Paul Seery upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 10, 2017

WHEREAS, Matthew Paul Seery, 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, March 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Paul Seery is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 255, Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating exemplary leadership in his commitment to scouting, Matthew Paul Seery has served as Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Paul Seery is currently a senior at John Bowne High School where he is in the STEM program; he plans to continue his education to study the fields of criminal justice and business; 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 Paul Seery promoted adoption and advocated on behalf of multiple animal shelters and rescue groups; in addition, he built 10 portable cat kennels for Courageous Cats, a local rescue group; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Paul Seery.