

Assembly Resolution No. 1343

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CONGRATULATING Matthew J. Bitetto upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 16, 2018

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Bitetto, 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 Saturday, June 16, 2018, at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Valley Stream, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Bitetto is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 116, in Valley Stream, New York, where he served as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Den Chief; on July 16, 2013, Matthew earned his Order of the Arrow at Onteora Scout Reservation; the following year, he decided to further himself, and he completed his brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2016, Matthew J. Bitetto graduated from Valley Stream Central High School; he enrolled in Nassau Community College to pursue a career in Graphic Design; he has stayed active in Troop 116 and hopes to be a role model for the younger scouts as they continue their journey in Scouting; 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, with the help of his fellow scouts, Matthew J. Bitetto began the assembly of signs for the Valley Stream Dog Park located on the Village Green; the project was done over several weekends which involved the painting of the background and the letters for each sign in the colors of Valley Stream, yellow and blue; then the

letters were attached to the background and the signs were hung on the fence of the dog park in May of 2016, to draw attention to the dog park and make it attractive to new users; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Bitetto'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 J. Bitetto on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew J. Bitetto.