

Assembly Resolution No. 1344

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CONGRATULATING Kevin Thomas Glaittli upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 16, 2018

WHEREAS, Kevin Thomas Glaittli, 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, June 16, 2018, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Valley Stream, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Thomas Glaittli is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 116 in Valley Stream, New York, where he served many leadership positions including: Chaplain, Order of the Arrow Representative, Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Every summer, Kevin Thomas Glaittli attended Onteora Scout Reservation (OSR) where he filled his schedule with merit badge classes and made friends with staff members and scouts alike; it was at OSR where he went through his ordeal for the Order of the Arrow, became a member, and achieved Brotherhood the next year; once a Life Scout, he had begun thinking about the perfect project for his Eagle Scout Project; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Thomas Glaittli graduated from Kellenberg Memorial High School on June 3, 2018; he will continue his studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst with intent to pursue a career in Law; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his studies, Kevin Thomas Glaittli aspires to join the United States Marine Corps to fulfill his lifelong dream; he expresses his sincere gratitude for all of those who have supported him throughout his Scouting career; 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, Kevin Thomas Glaittli centered his focus on giving back to those men and women for whom he has the utmost respect: those of the United States Military; as an addition to the flag pole erected by Eagle Scout Ryan Plackis, outside of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Kevin had decided to create a war memorial in honor of American Catholic veterans; the project consisted of a bronze plaque mounted on stone, a two level patio, a stairway with railings, and two wooden benches; Kevin said, "My ambition for the project was to create a place where people can sit and pay homage to our fellow Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in selfless service to our great nation. I will never be able to personally thank all those brave men and women, but I can pay homage to their legacies through my Eagle Scout Project."; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Thomas Glaittli'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 Kevin Thomas Glaittli on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Thomas Glaittli.