

Senate Resolution No. 1298

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING James Capodanno upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on October 1, 2021

WHEREAS, James Capodanno, 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, October 1, 2021, at the Clinton G. Martin Recreation Center in New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Capodanno is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 544 in New Hyde Park; 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 approximately 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, James Capodanno's project truly demonstrated his deep and profound love for his country through presentations on the history of the American flag and how to properly retire worn flags; and

WHEREAS, James Capodanno then collected 75 worn flags, exchanging new ones for those who requested them, and held a virtual flag retirement ceremony in his backyard for two of them due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; he sent the remaining flags to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Florida where they would be properly retired; and

WHEREAS, James Capodanno'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 James Capodanno on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Capodanno.