

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Christopher J. Zovko upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 22, 2022

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher J. Zovko upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 22, 2022

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Zovko, 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, May 22, 2022, at The Albertson Hook & Ladder, Engine & Hose, Company No. 1 in Albertson, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Zovko is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 201, of Herricks, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Zovko began his scouting career in Pack 202 as a Tiger and received his Arrow of Light in 2015; he then joined Troop 201, where he has held the positions of Patrol Leader of the Alligator Patrol and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, As a scout, Christopher J. Zovko participated in two high adventure trips: the Out Island at Florida's Sea Base and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico; on his path to Eagle Scout, he also received 37 merit badges; 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, Boy Scouts of America and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; the Boy Scouts of America also remind you about the importance of conservation and our environment; 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, For his Eagle Project, this impressive young man designed, coordinated, and led a renovation of the Herricks High School garden courtyard; he updated the school's set of planters, fixed their sprinkler system, and reconstructed a rail fence to make the various sections of the garden more accessible; and

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Zovko's dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Herricks is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Eagle Scout now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in excited anticipation of future challenges; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher J. Zovko.