

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING James Desiderio upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 11, 2022

WHEREAS, James Desiderio, 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 11, 2022, at Mineola High School in Garden City Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Desiderio joined Cub Scout Pack 264 in the first grade, and is now a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, James Desiderio held the positions of Scribe, Bearcoons Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; in his capacity as Patrol Leader, he led the Bearcoons to win Patrol of the Week at his summer camp; and

WHEREAS, A testament to his contribution to the Boy Scouts of America, James Desiderio was named Scout of the Year in 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in the summer of 2021, James Desiderio traveled to the Philmont Scout Ranch, where he participated in a 12-day trip hiking the mountains of New Mexico; while sometimes challenging, the Scout reveres this trip as one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of his life; 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, For his project, James Desiderio designed and built

recreational games for the Tiegerman School, a school for students with special needs, in Glen Cove, New York; the games consisted of two cornhole sets, two ring tosses, and two mini golf holes, as well as the equipment needed to play the games; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Mineola, New York, is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

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

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