

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**CONGRATULATING** Thomas Novello upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 18, 2022

**WHEREAS,** Thomas Novello, 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 June 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Thomas Novello is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 485; 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; 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, Thomas Novello collected an abundance of school supplies and items specifically to help teachers provide a better program for their students, without the out-of-pocket expenses; items were sent to the 103rd precinct in Queens, New York, for distribution; and

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

**WHEREAS,** As he goes forward in his academic career, Thomas Novello plans on continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Novello.