

Senate Resolution No. 606

**BY:** Senator THOMAS

**CONGRATULATING** David Velez upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** David Velez, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS,** 17-year-old David Velez is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 485; currently, he is a Junior at H. Frank Carey High School, in Franklin Square, New York, and will graduate in June of 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** On his journey to Eagle Scout, David Velez earned 37 merit badges as well as a Silver Palm, a Gold Palm, and a Bronze Palm; he also earned awards in Cub Scouting including the Arrow of Light; 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

**WHEREAS,** For his project, David Velez helped The Little Shelter; this vital organization rescues animals and works hard to find them homes; with the help of his fellow scouts, family members and friends, David was able to collect an amazing amount of much needed items and supplies as well as make a monetary donation; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Besides his participation as a boy scouts, David Velez earned several recognitions in Little League baseball; he is also an avid boxer at Two Champs Boxing and a member of the Carey Bowling Team;

and

**WHEREAS,** He enjoys fishing with his father and brother, and is a member of the H. Frank Carey High School Comic Book Club, collecting comics as a hobby; and

**WHEREAS,** As he goes forward in his academic career, David Velez plans on attending college in the future and becoming a member of the S.W.A.T. Team, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Velez.