

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

CONGRATULATING Luke Kowalchuk upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 20, 2021

WHEREAS, Luke Kowalchuk, 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, June 20, 2021, at The Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium, in Centerport, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Northport High School, Luke Kowalchuk is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 41, Northport, New York; 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, Luke Kowalchuk built and installed three handicap accessible tables for the Northport VA Medical Center in honor of all the veterans, especially his granduncles, three of whom proudly served their country during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Northport 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, Luke Kowalchuk plans on pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at Stony Brook University, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Luke Kowalchuk'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 Luke Kowalchuk on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Luke Kowalchuk.