

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Thomas Franz upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 12, 2021

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Thomas Franz has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Franz is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, For generations, Scouting and in particular, Troop 45, has been an important part of Thomas Franz' family; over the years, he has held several positions in the troop including Troop Historian, Troop Librarian, Troop Scribe, and Assistant Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Thomas Franz has been a member of the Mineola Junior Fire Department where he served as Sergeant at Arms; he was also a member of the National Honor Society at Mineola High School; 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 Franz built a food pantry in the basement of the building next to his grandmother's church, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, in Mineola; he and his fellow scouts worked together to build shelves where dry goods could be stored and once completed, he organized a food drive to stock the shelves for community members in need; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, for the second part of his project, Thomas removed the old, broken bench on the nursery school playground of the church and replaced it with two beautiful benches; these benches provided the teachers and students with a place to rest during recess; and

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

WHEREAS, As he goes forward in his life and academic career, Thomas Franz will continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

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