

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING David Kempner 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, David Kempner 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, A third generation Scout, David Kempner is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious scouting career, David Kempner has served as Troop Quartermaster, Troop Chaplain, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Den Chief to Pack 221; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, David Kempner has also been an Altar Server at St. Aidan's Roman Catholic Church since he was in sixth grade; furthermore, he is an active Volunteer Firefighter in the Albertson Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, David Kempner currently attends Chaminade High School where he was a Captain of the Lacrosse and Football teams through multiple seasons, and is a member of the National Honor Society, a religious retreat leader and an Honor Roll student; 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, David Kempner restored the Albertson Bird and Bat Sanctuary from a former sump and removed large amounts of trash and debris; he also reinstalled bat boxes that had fallen to the ground

in effort to help beautify his community and help preserve wildlife in the area; 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, As he goes forward in his academic career, David Kempner plans on majoring in International Business and Economics at the University of Tampa, with the hopes of becoming an Officer in the United States Army while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

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