

**BY:** Senator KAPLAN

**CONGRATULATING** Alexander Castiglia 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, Alexander Castiglia 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,** Alexander Castiglia is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Scouting has played an important role in Alexander Castiglia's family; both his father and cousin were scouts, and his mother served as a Den Leader when he began his illustrious scouting career in Cub Scout Pack 246 in Mineola, while his dad helped run the annual Pinewood Derby event; and

**WHEREAS,** After Alexander Castiglia crossed over to Troop 45, he became a member of the Panther Patrol, and has served in numerous leadership positions, including as Troop Quartermaster, Photographer, Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader; and

**WHEREAS,** As Patrol Leader, Alexander Castiglia led the Panther Patrol through summer camp challenges, earning Honor Patrol for a day as well as leading his patrol in the Klondike Derby; 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, Alexander Castiglia built six puppy adventure boxes and two outdoor storage benches for the Guide Dog

Foundation for the Blind in Smithtown, New York, providing for their needs in training seeing-eye dogs as well as service dogs for disabled veterans; he also put together 25 amenity kits for the blind and veterans who stay on the Foundation campus while training with their dogs; and

**WHEREAS,** His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Smithtown 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, Alexander Castiglia will continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alexander Castiglia.