

Assembly Resolution No. 272

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CONGRATULATING Colin M. Smith upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 22, 2021

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Colin M. Smith has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Croton Falls Fire Department, Croton Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Colin M. Smith is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 4, Purdys, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of North Salem, New York, Colin M. Smith began his illustrious scouting career as a Cub Scout in first grade and crossed the bridge to Boy Scouts in fifth grade; he has truly enjoyed Scouting to its fullest, taking advantage of all it has to offer from Camp Read to Sea Base High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Colin M. Smith has completed 22 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, including Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Colin M. Smith is currently a junior at Archbishop Stepinac High School where he is a member of the Cross Country, Spring Track and Golf Team, and regularly achieves the First Honor Roll; he was also inducted into the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Colin M. Smith was selected as the Archbishop Stepinac High School junior class representative for Boys' State 2021, representing the Ernest Pasqua Post No. 1506 American Legion; 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, Colin M. Smith built 20 wooden Viking chairs for the Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park and Day Camp located in the Town of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, where he attended as both a day camper and Counselor in Training (CIT) for 10 years; these chairs will be used in a fire pit area as there is no seating when hosting scouts, community, and wedding events; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he instructed junior park rangers on how to build their own Viking chair by creating a YouTube tutorial video with step-by-step instructions; and

WHEREAS, Colin M. Smith's 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, Colin M. Smith will continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Colin M. Smith'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 Colin M. Smith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colin M. Smith.