

Assembly Resolution No. 321

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CONGRATULATING Ian Rhodes upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Ian Rhodes, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Ian Rhodes is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 154, Goldens Bridge, 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, 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, Ian Rhodes built and installed a trailhead kiosk at the Taylor Preserve of Mianus River Gorge Park in Bedford, New York; the kiosk includes a hand painted trail map and a walkaround structure to prevent bikes, dogs and horses from accessing and damaging the trails; his fellow scouts and several volunteers from the community donated many hours of their time to help him reach his goal; and

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

WHEREAS, A sophomore at John Jay High School, Cross River, New York, Ian Rhodes, will move forward in his life and his career, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Ian Rhodes'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 Ian Rhodes on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ian Rhodes.