

Assembly Resolution No. 60

**BY:** M. of A. Lunsford

**CONGRATULATING** Kaitlyn Hoitt upon the occasion of being the first female in the Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America to receive the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, who have shown initiative and commitment toward constantly pursuing higher goals for themselves, and acting as role models of leadership to be emulated by their peers; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kaitlyn Hoitt upon the occasion of being the first female in the Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America to receive the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors; 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,** Kaitlyn Hoitt is a trailblazer and serves as a role model for girls across her community who are seeking to break boundaries and achieve their dreams; and

**WHEREAS,** While earning the rank of Eagle Scout typically takes six years, Kaitlyn Hoitt, a native of the Village of Fairport, New York, completed the challenging requirements in less than two years during an ongoing public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** In just 22 months, Kaitlyn Hoitt earned 26 merit badges, including required life skill badges such as first aid, personal management and citizenship; and career and hobby badges, such as music, archaeology and aviation; and

**WHEREAS,** Kaitlyn Hoitt completed all the required skills, camping, leadership, service hours, merit badges and her community service project to attain the rank of Eagle Scout in December of 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** For her project, Kaitlyn Hoitt refurbished a multi-purpose meeting room at the Penfield United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Kaitlyn Hoitt was also the recipient of a Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest achievement that can be earned in Girl Scouts; and

**WHEREAS,** Her perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of her ability to master difficult tasks; her accomplishment will enable her to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

**WHEREAS,** Kaitlyn Hoitt's latest achievement marks a milestone for girls and women in the communities all across the State, and truly embodies what it means to shatter the glass ceiling; 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 Kaitlyn Hoitt on being the first female in the Seneca Waterways Council of the Boy Scouts of America to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kaitlyn Hoitt.