

**BY:** M. of A. Burdick

**CONGRATULATING** James Hancock upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, James Hancock has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS,** James Hancock is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, Mount Kisco, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Joining Boy Scouts at 11 years old, James Hancock has served in several leadership positions, including Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Instructor, Troop Guide, Troop Historian, Troop Librarian, Troop Order of the Arrow Representative and Troop Quartermaster; and

**WHEREAS,** The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, James Hancock was inducted into the Honor Society of the Boy Scouts as well as the Order of the Arrow (OA) where he climbed the ranks to become Lodge Chief; he also received the Messenger of Peace Award for promoting world peace and cooperation at the World Scout Jamboree; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, James Hancock has given tirelessly of his time and energies to provide service to others, establishing a high standard of excellence and purposefulness of life rarely achieved in youthful years; 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,** The 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, James Hancock rebuilt the Flag-Retirement

pit outside the American Legion Post No. 136 in Mount Kisco; and

**WHEREAS,** His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Mount Kisco 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, James Hancock plans to continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Hancock.