

Assembly Resolution No. 891

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

**CONGRATULATING** Gavin D. Smith upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 11, 2022

**WHEREAS,** Gavin D. Smith, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the North Salem Middle/High School in North Salem, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Gavin D. Smith joined Cub Scouts in the first grade and became a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 4, Purdys, New York, in the fifth grade; 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,** Gavin D. Smith has attended Camp Read and Sea Base High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys during his time in Boy Scouts, among other exciting adventures; in addition to these adventures, he has earned 24 merit badges; and

**WHEREAS,** Proving himself a trusted leader, Gavin D. Smith held the positions of Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Senior Patrol Leader, all of which required his election by peers; and

**WHEREAS,** A student at Archbishop Stepinac High School, Gavin D. Smith is a member of the Cross Country and Spring Track Team, and was inducted into the National Honor Society; he was also selected as the Archbishop Stepinac High School junior class representative for Boys' State 2022, representing the Ernest Pasqua Post No. 1506 American

Legion; and

**WHEREAS,** For his project, Gavin D. Smith worked with The Putnam Humane Society, painting 24 dog pens and an unused shed in a light blue color; he chose this blue because it is a color dogs can see and is calming and helpful to them after stressful transits; and

**WHEREAS,** The unused shed was turned into a memorial for animals and donors who have passed away, and is decorated with an alternating pattern of white flowers and gray paw print river rocks which will display the names of the donors and animals; Gavin D. Smith also constructed an enclosed recycled materials bulletin board which is hung on the fence near the entrance to the shelter; and

**WHEREAS,** His care and compassion for the citizens of North Salem is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

**WHEREAS,** Gavin D. 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 Gavin D. Smith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gavin D. Smith.