

Assembly Resolution No. 892

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

WHEREAS, Liam P. Smith, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Scout 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, Liam P. 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, Liam P. Smith has attended Camp Read and looks forward to going to the Sea Base High Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys in 2023, among other exciting excursions in his future; in addition to those adventures, he has earned 23 merit badges; and

WHEREAS, Proving himself a trusted leader, Liam P. Smith held the positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader, all of which required his election by peers; and

WHEREAS, At Archbishop Stepinac High School, Liam P. Smith is a member of the Cross Country and Lacrosse Teams and regularly achieves the Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Liam P. Smith worked with Putnam AdvoCATS,

building six feral cat houses, helping to save the cats in poor weather conditions, while making it easier for the Putnam AdvoCATS team to trap

the cats, neuter them, and release them again, ultimately helping reduce the feral cat population; and

WHEREAS, There is a large need for the houses, especially near lakes and reservoirs and at the home of a local resident; Liam P. Smith designed the cat shelters to be large and wooden, and have hinges to aid in taking the cats out, and to help with cleaning the shelters; 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, Liam P. 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 Liam P. Smith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Liam P. Smith.