

**BY:** Senator THOMAS

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

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Varney, 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 Friday, June 2, 2023, at St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Center, Rockville Centre, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Scouts, Leaders and Members of the Advancement Committee for Rockville Centre Boy Scout Troop 40, take great pleasure in announcing that having been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, Matthew Varney was found worthy of Boy Scouts highest achievement, the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS,** America has achieved its 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 its 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, Matthew Varney organized volunteers to refurbish the outdoor areas of the Rosa Lee Center which included painting as well as the construction of a new table, picnic table, and two benches; and

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

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

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Varney.