

Senate Resolution No. 1317

BY: Senator RAMOS

CONGRATULATING Quinton A. Owens upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 30, 2023

WHEREAS, Quinton A. Owens, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Quinton A. Owens is a member of Boy Scouts of America Greater New York Council in the Pathfinder District; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career thus far, Quinton A. Owens has truly learned the value and importance of good communication and organization; he has completed the BSA National Youth Leadership Training and is a member of the BSA Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, and Venturing Crew 201; and

WHEREAS, Today, Quinton A. Owens serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster with his troop; this summer, he plans to work with youth at Curtis S. Read Scout Camp Reservation, BSA to develop his leadership skills; 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, Quinton A. Owens planned and organized a health and safety fair with the Office of Senator Ramos in the Queens community of Jackson Heights, which was held July 23, 2022; the event brought together local healthcare providers and clinics, pharmacies, insurance companies, the New York Blood Center and the New York City Fire Department to share information and resources with the community; and

WHEREAS, Diagnosed with high functioning Asperger's in the 3rd grade and having received speech and physical therapy since the young age of two, Quinton A. Owens' project challenged him to engage with others and coordinate plans for the success of the event; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Jackson Heights is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Quinton A. Owens' 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 Quinton A. Owens on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Quinton A. Owens.