

BY: Senator MAYER

CONGRATULATING Harrison Gelinas upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Harrison Gelinas has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at Rye Nature Center in Rye, New York; and

WHEREAS, Harrison Gelinas is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2, Rye, New York; 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, After recognizing the amount of people struggling with mental wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic, for his project, Harrison Gelinas developed a place for residents to relax, reflect, recharge, and reset in an unkept corner he renovated at the Rye Nature Center now known as the Rye Reflect Space; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of his community 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, Harrison Gelinas plans to continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Harrison Gelinas' 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 Harrison Gelinas on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harrison Gelinas.