

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Gus Vasilakis upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Gus Vasilakis has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St Paul in Hempstead, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gus Vasilakis, a 13-year-old Scout from Boy Scout Troop 568 of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul in Hempstead, 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, 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 Eagle Scout project, Gus Vasilakis collected toys for the Toys for Tots Organization; this extraordinary young man collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year, and distributes these toys to less fortunate children as Christmas gifts; and

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

WHEREAS, Gus Vasilakis'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 Gus Vasilakis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gus Vasilakis.