

Assembly Resolution No. 925

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CONGRATULATING Christopher Bucaj upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Christopher Bucaj, 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 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains, New York, on Saturday, April 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Bucaj is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 73, part of the Greater Hudson Valley Council, in White Plains, 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, In August of 2022, Christopher Bucaj contributed his time and hard work to complete his project for the White Plains Police Department; he constructed a large, complex training city which included two large tables, 20 model buildings, and handmade cardboard replicas of White Plains landmarks; and

WHEREAS, His innovative creation has been instrumental in training police officers for emergency situations; for this ingenuity, he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the White Plains Department of Public Safety during an award ceremony on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 2023, Christopher Bucaj officially obtained the Eagle Scout rank after ambitiously advancing through numerous leadership positions in his Troop, including Senior Patrol Leader for one year; he has also earned 33 merit badges, a Bronze Palm, and a Gold

Palm; a highlight of his scouting career was the seven-day wilderness trek in the rugged terrain of the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Christopher Bucaj is an exceptional honor roll student at White Plains High School and a National Honor Society inductee; active in sports, he is a co-captain of the varsity swim team; playing the viola, he is a member of the symphony orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Outside of Scouting and academics, Christopher Bucaj enjoys volunteering in his community, spending Friday evenings at the Ridgeway Alliance Food Pantry where he assists with organizing food deliveries and distributing food donations to disadvantaged Westchester families; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Bucaj'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, Christopher Bucaj's dedication to the well-being of the citizens of White Plains is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State, and his Nation; undoubtedly, 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 Christopher Bucaj on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Bucaj.