

Assembly Resolution No. 994

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CONGRATULATING Cedric Dell upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Cedric Dell, 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, Cedric Dell 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 17-year-old student of German International School of New York 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 September of 2023, Cedric Dell contributed his time and hard work to complete his project for the Pre-Kindergarten students of the Bronxville Montessori School in Yonkers, New York; and

WHEREAS, The project required designing, building, and staining of two wooden planter boxes intended to beautify the entranceway of the school, replacing the existing ones; a larger planter box was installed behind the school at the Head of School's request, providing an area for the students to learn the fundamentals of gardening by planting vegetables and herbs; and

WHEREAS, Thoughtfully planning, Cedric Dell ensured the height of the garden planter was accessible for the small caretakers and filled with soil so the gardening project could commence immediately; and

WHEREAS, At the front of the school, there was limited seating in

the playground area; Cedric Dell designed and built two stained wooden benches for the comfort of students, parents, and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Most of the Scouts in Troop 73, several Troop Leaders, and parents assisted Cedric Dell with building, assembling, and transporting the planters and benches, cooperatively enhancing the aesthetics of the Bronxville Montessori School for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Cedric Dell'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, Cedric Dell'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 Cedric Dell on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cedric Dell.