

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Madison Olivia Shum upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Madison Olivia Shum, through her diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Syosset, New York, on Saturday, March 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Syosset High School senior Madison Olivia Shum, of Syosset, is a member of Scouting America Troop 205 in Syosset, 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, Scouting 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 is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Madison Olivia Shum has been involved in Scouting for many years, has lived up to Scouting's ideals, and has attained all the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed, and executed; she officially became an Eagle Scout on November 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Madison Olivia Shum contributed her time and hard work to complete her project for West Hills County Park; and

WHEREAS, For her Eagle Scout project, Madison Olivia Shum designed and built a 30' x 40' kidney-bean-shaped pollinator garden which features four bee "hotels," an arbor bench, and an educational sign that highlights the 20 native Long Island plant species incorporated into the space; and

WHEREAS, The garden sits directly across from the park's visitor center in an area that was previously an empty grassy field; the effort required extensive logistical coordination, material sourcing, and leadership, ultimately bringing together volunteers who contributed more than 500 hours; and

WHEREAS, This initiative provides a lasting benefit to the community; beyond enhancing the park's visual appeal, the garden supports biodiversity, strengthens the local ecosystem, and encourages

environmental appreciation; an unused space was transformed into a welcoming area that promotes outdoor recreation, conservation awareness, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Madison Olivia Shum's perseverance in rising through the ranks to Eagle Scout is a strong indication of her ability to master difficult tasks; her accomplishment will enable her to emerge as a leader, fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's complex society; and

WHEREAS, Madison Olivia Shum's dedication to the enhancement of West Hills County Park is represented through her devotion to community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to her family, her school, her community, her State, and her Nation; undoubtedly, her 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 Madison Olivia Shum on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Madison Olivia Shum.