

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Christopher Katsoulis upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 22, 2026

WHEREAS, Christopher Katsoulis, 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 on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at the Manhasset Lakeville Fire Department Company No. 2 in Manhasset, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katsoulis is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 71, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Scouts BSA 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 Scouts, is the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katsoulis began his scouting journey as a Tiger in Pack 3, eventually earning the Arrow of Light, the highest honor in Cub Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years in the program, Christopher Katsoulis developed a deep love for the outdoors, often camping through snow, hail, and rain; highlighting his scouting career was a trip to Maine High Adventure this past summer, where he traveled over 90 miles by canoe in a single week, while fishing, camping, whitewater rafting, and bonding with friends around the campfire; and

WHEREAS, As a natural leader, Christopher Katsoulis served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, roles that allowed him to mentor fellow scouts and refine his leadership skills; 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed, and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Christopher Katsoulis led the renovation of an overgrown trail in Udall's Park Preserve; for more than 100 hours, he managed a team of 30 volunteers to clear 400 linear feet of debris; he fundraised for woodchips and lumber to pave the path and construct a 12-foot bridge over a creek, successfully connecting two sides of the preserve for the Great Neck community to enjoy; 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, Currently a sophomore at Manhasset High School, Christopher Katsoulis balances his rigorous academics with passions for the Engineering and Theater clubs; he is pursuing an engineering path with plans to continue his studies at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the classroom, Christopher Katsoulis has been a dedicated member of the Manhasset Crew Team since 2022, contributing to several medal-winning boats; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katsoulis' 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 may now stand with pride as he assess his achievements, experiences the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the new experiences of a challenging world; 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 Katsoulis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

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