Senate Resolution No. 779

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Jeffrey Polanski upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 18, 2025

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Polanski, 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, May 18, 2025, at The Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Polanski is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 201; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved its 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 its glory; 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, 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, Jeffrey Polanski designed and fabricated a free library at Ridders Pond Park; with the library, he also cleaned and beautified the surrounding area; he also planted flowers around the bathroom building at the park and hopes that this will inspire and encourage others to give back to their community, as he has tried to do throughout his scouting journey; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Polanski started his scouting journey as a Wolf in Pack 202 in 2013, and later joined Troop 201 in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Jeffrey Polanski served as a Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Grubmaster, Instructor, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; he attended all 4 High Adventure Trips, starting with Summit Rafting in West Virginia in 2021 as a Crew Member, Seabase Out Island in Florida in 2022 as a Crew Member, Philmont Backpacking in New Mexico in 2023 as a Chaplain Aide, and Northern Tier Winter Sledding in Minnesota in 2024 as the Crew Leader; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Polanski earned the 50-Miler Award, the Triple Crown, and even the Grand Slam; he also earned 28 merit badges, along with Kayaking BSA and Snorkeling BSA throughout his Scouting career; and

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

WHEREAS, As he enters the next chapters of his life and is met with limitless opportunities, Jeffrey Polanski plans to continue to uphold the ideals and principals of Scouting America; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Polanski'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 Jeffrey Polanski on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeffrey Polanski.