

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Linehan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on February 8, 2008

WHEREAS, Thomas Linehan, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on February 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The son of Thomas and Lori Linehan, 18-year-old Thomas Linehan was a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 73 and is currently a student at Nyack College in Nyack, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Linehan became a Tiger Cub with Pack 1 at George Washington Elementary School and progressed through the Cub Scout program becoming a Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scout; and

WHEREAS, He joined Troop 73 in 2001 and earned the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, as well as those of Star, in 2005, and Life in 2006; in addition, Thomas Linehan ably served the Troop in several leadership positions, including Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Guide, Scribe, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Linehan's Scouting adventures included camping trips to Valley Forge, the Civil War Battlefield at Antietam, the Widow Jane Mine, and other sites throughout New York State and the northeast; he also participated in a 10 day trek through South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana and earned many merit badges and other awards; 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 only 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, For his Eagle project, Thomas Linehan, with the help of several volunteers, restored and renovated a portion of the Greenway Walking Trail in White Plains, New York; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Linehan and his crew cleared the trail, which runs between Gedney Way and Ridgeway Avenue, of debris and excess vegetation, laid a new layer of wood chips on the trail and added new decorative plantings to one of the trailheads, greatly beautifying the trail and enhancing the pleasure of all those who use it; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Linehan'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 Thomas Linehan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Thomas Linehan.