

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Richard Branciforte upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Richard Branciforte, 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 Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard Branciforte is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 7 in Port Washington; he has been involved in Scouting for 12 years, since he was 6; he is a 2011 graduate of Roslyn High School and is now attending Cornell University; 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, Richard Branciforte helped raise funds for Fitzgerald House, Inc. which works diligently to provide affordable, transitional or permanent housing for the homeless and less fortunate, many of whom are veterans who have been the stalwart guardians of the freedoms we enjoy and merit our eternal gratitude; and

WHEREAS, Richard Branciforte, in addition, generously gave his time, energy, and effort helping Fitzgerald House create the garden at Wheatley House and thoughtfully collected personal items for 30 of the homeless veterans Fitzgerald House serves; and

WHEREAS, Richard Branciforte'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 Richard Branciforte on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Branciforte.