

Senate Resolution No. 744

**BY:** Senator LANZA

**CONGRATULATING** Nicholas LaRocca upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 23, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Nicholas LaRocca, 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, April 23, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Nicholas LaRocca is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, The Church of Saint Christopher, Staten Island, New York; currently, he is a Freshman at the College of Staten Island, majoring in computer science; he plans to continue in scouting to guide the younger scouts on their way to the rank of Eagle; 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; and

**WHEREAS,** To become an Eagle Scout, Nicholas LaRocca earned 30 merit badges, nine more than the required 21 for the rank of Eagle; he served his Troop in a variety of leadership roles including Den Chief and Senior Patrol Leader; and

**WHEREAS,** Nicholas LaRocca is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrows, Scouting's Honor Society which gives cheerful service to others; and

**WHEREAS,** As a Life Scout, Nicholas LaRocca completed a major community service project; for his assignment, he and his team restored and preserved Old Richmond Town, a Staten Island landmark which dates back to the 1600s; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas LaRocca'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 Nicholas LaRocca on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas LaRocca.