

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Christopher Monroe Simonowicz upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on July 6, 2019

WHEREAS, Christopher Monroe Simonowicz, 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 Saturday, July 6, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cohocton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher "Zane" Monroe Simonowicz is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 35 in Cohocton; throughout his Scouting career, he has participated in numerous adventures including residence camps, white water rafting trips, survival camping, and a 19-day backpacking trip to Colorado; he also held the titles of Troop Guide and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and served on three National Youth Leadership Training teams; 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 approximately 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 project, Christopher Monroe Simonowicz built 20 bat houses out of used GM Volt car parts, and then placed them throughout the local watershed area; and

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

WHEREAS, Christopher Monroe Simonowicz'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 Christopher Monroe Simonowicz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

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