

BY: Senator JORDAN

CONGRATULATING Kenneth Paul Fay upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 25, 2019

WHEREAS, Kenneth Paul Fay, 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, May 25, 2019, at Crellin Community Park, Chatham, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Paul Fay has been a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 114 in Valatie, New York, since February 27, 2012; throughout his Scouting career, he has held many leadership positions including Patrol Leader, and three years as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Troop 114, Kenneth Paul Fay has participated in hundreds of hours of service, earning 22 merit badges, hiking over 266 miles throughout Colorado and Utah, and camping out for approximately 52 nights; and

WHEREAS, As a senior at Chatham High School, this remarkable young man brought the lessons of Scouting into his school work with various clubs and organizations; Kenneth Paul Fay served as the Treasurer of Chatham High School Student Government, Vice President of National Honor Society, Vice President of Tri-M Music Honor Society, and is currently the Captain of the Varsity Boys Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his many contributions, Kenneth Paul Fay is a Karate instructor at the Te-Ryu Dojo and has been a Student Representative on the Chatham Education Foundation; 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, Kenneth Paul Fay constructed two 8'x 8' chessboards on the grounds of Crellin Community Park; a matching chess set was purchased, and dozens of checkers were made; this was done for the community and the 200 children who attend the Crellin Summer Camp where he has worked as a lifeguard and a camp counselor; his fellow Scouts, leaders, and several members of his community donated many hours of their time to help him reach his goal; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Paul Fay'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 Kenneth Paul Fay on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth Paul Fay.