

**BY:** Senator LAVALLE

**CONGRATULATING** Sage P. Witty upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 9, 2019

**WHEREAS,** Sage P. Witty, 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, June 9, 2019, at Sag Harbor Fire Department, Sag Harbor, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary young man made persistent and steady progress through the ranks to achieve this prestigious award and has demonstrated his determination to prepare himself for a meaningful, productive role in society; and

**WHEREAS,** Sage P. Witty is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 455 of Sag Harbor; he has been a scout for 12 years, beginning as a Tiger Scout in first grade; it is only with the continued diligence and devotion of our youth, tomorrow's leaders, that America will maintain her glory; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his Scouting career he has been an example for those who follow him; Sage P. Witty has volunteered more than 200 community service hours, yet still finds time to help his recently widowed grandmother with chores; his sense of humor is notorious and the harmless pranks he plays always brighten the day; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Sage P. Witty is in high school; upon graduation he will be attending the University of West Virginia to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice; 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,** 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, Sage P. Witty focused on making an inoperable trail system usable again; the five-mile Buckskill NW Loop

was abandoned because it was impossible to navigate with fallen trees and brush overgrowth; he organized volunteers to help clear the trails and make them once again available to hikers and bike riders; and

**WHEREAS,** Additionally, Sage P. Witty carved wooden maps that could withstand the elements and direct users to the trails; his project took 105 hours to complete and the trails were re-opened with a special hike of the East Hampton Trail Preservation Society; and

**WHEREAS,** Sage P. Witty'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 Sage P. Witty on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sage P. Witty.