

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Matthew Timothy Clark upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on January 25, 2020

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Timothy Clark, 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, March 21, 2020, at Park Church in Elmira, New York; 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

**WHEREAS,** For his project, Matthew Timothy Clark successfully created a historic display using a 134-year tree section from Horseheads; he connected historic Horseheads events with the tree section, and the display is permanently on display at the county fairgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Horseheads, New York, is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

**WHEREAS,** Matthew Timothy Clark'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 Matthew Timothy Clark on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Timothy Clark.