

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** Deric James Williams upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 21, 2020

**WHEREAS,** Deric James Williams, 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, Elmira, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Deric James Williams is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 87 of the Five Rivers Council in Horseheads, 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,** 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, Deric James Williams designed, built and installed a new sign for the Transformation Center, which provided a better representation of this community center to the public; this vital organization offers assistance to the homeless population through free meals, clothing and shoe distribution; in addition, washers and dryers are available at no cost for the homeless, and after school activities and other educational programs are provided; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Deric James Williams'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 Deric James Williams on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deric James Williams.