

BY: Senator LAVALLE

CONGRATULATING Daniel J. Thompson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 16, 2019

WHEREAS, Daniel James Thompson, 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 16, 2019, at Miller Place High School, Miller Place, 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, The son of Kent and Merrill Thompson, Daniel is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 204; and throughout his Scouting career, he has earned many accolades such as the Order of the Arrow, the Fireman's Chit and the Totin' Chip Awards, and the Snorkeling, Whitewater Rafting and Mile Swim Awards; and

WHEREAS, A student at Miller Place High School, Daniel J. Thompson is a member of both the National and Foreign Language Honor Society; the Varsity Boys' Soccer, Winter Track and Lacrosse Teams; and wrestled for the JV Wrestling Team; 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 only 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, Daniel James Thompson raised the necessary funds to construct and install two Trail Head Kiosks at the Center for Environmental Education and Discovery in the Hamlet of Brookhaven; this land has been leased to create and develop a center for education which includes hiking trails to be used as a staging area for hikers and students on class trips; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens

of Miller Place, New York is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, As he goes forward Daniel James Thompson will continue with the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Thompson'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 Daniel J. Thompson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Daniel J. Thompson.