BY: Senator JORDAN

**CONGRATULATING** Eric Simonetti upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, in June of 2019

WHEREAS, Eric Simonetti, 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 in June of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Eric Simonetti is a member of Boy Scouts of America Twin Rivers Council, Troop 4024, Wilton, 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 only 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, Eric Simonetti planned and led a project for the High School in Saratoga Springs, New York; this project included building a new 10x16 storage shed to be used by the school's track team; he had to produce the engineer stamped plans by himself and gain approval from the school board; in addition, he raised the needed funds to pay for the project by coordinating two fundraisers and, what was left, he donated to a local community center; and

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

WHEREAS, Eric Simonetti'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 Eric Simonetti on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Simonetti.