BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

CONGRATULATING Peter Wilson Townley upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 10, 2021

WHEREAS, Peter Wilson Townley, 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 Thursday, June 10, 2021, at St. Patrick's Church in Huntington, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 2020 graduate of Chaminade High School, Peter Wilson Townley is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 78; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Peter Wilson Townley earned 26 Merit Badges and held the leadership positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Webmaster, and Scribe; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Boy Scouts, Peter Wilson Townley volunteered his time and energy to the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative and the Food Drive for Trocaire Pantry; 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 of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Peter Wilson Townley built a retaining wall and installed a garden at the main entrance of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor, New York; he and a crew of his fellow Scouts also landscaped the back of the yard by replanting a flowering tree and adding perennials; and

WHEREAS, Peter Wilson Townley'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 Peter Wilson Townley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Wilson Townley.