

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

CONGRATULATING Justin Michael DeWitt upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 10, 2021

WHEREAS, Justin Michael DeWitt, 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 Kellenberg Memorial High School, Justin Michael DeWitt is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 78; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Justin Michael DeWitt earned 31 Merit Badges and held the leadership positions of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Guide; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the Boy Scouts, Justin Michael DeWitt volunteered his time and energy to the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative, Lourdes, France Service Mission, Texas Children's Hospital, and St. Patrick's Church; 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, Justin Michael DeWitt improved the fire pit area of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor, New York; he designed, constructed and installed three large benches around the fire pit to enable visitors to sit and enjoy the fire; and

WHEREAS, Justin Michael DeWitt'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 Justin Michael DeWitt on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justin Michael DeWitt.