

**BY:** Senator KAMINSKY

**CONGRATULATING** Thomas J. Ledwith upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

**WHEREAS,** Thomas J. Ledwith, 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, June 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Affectionately known as TJ, Thomas J. Ledwith of Malverne, New York, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 134; 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

**WHEREAS,** For his project, Thomas J. Ledwith erected two flagpoles in front of St. Anne's Rectory; one flies the flag of the United States of America, and the other flies the Papal flag; the Scout erected the flagpoles in honor of NYPD Detective Steve D. McDonald, who was shot and paralyzed in the line of duty; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Thomas J. Ledwith'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 Thomas J. Ledwith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas J. Ledwith.