

BY: Senator WEIK

CONGRATULATING Jacob Arens upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 15, 2021

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Jacob Arens has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021, in the Fellowship Hall of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Arens is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 205, Great River, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this most prestigious of Scouting honors, Jacob Arens has earned Scouting's Webelos Arrow of Light, Fireman's Chit, Tot'in Chit, Cyber Chip, and Scuba BSA, as well as the Troop 205 Top Ten Attendance, Participation, and Preparedness Award; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Arens is currently a senior at East Islip High School in East Islip, New York, where he has achieved Honor Roll status in each quarter since the ninth grade; he is a three-year member and Captain of his high school Mock Trial Team, competing in the Empire World Tournament with teams from 37 states and eight countries across the world; and

WHEREAS, While attending the EDNY Justice Institute Summer Program in 2018, Jacob Arens' team placed first in the competition; he also participated in the Harvard Mock Trial Program in 2018, and the New York State Bar Association Mock Trial Tournament from 2018 to present; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Arens was a Junior Varsity wrestler during the 2017/2018 season and has been on the Varsity Track & Field Team since 2017, contributing in the 100 meter and 200 meter sprinter; he has also been a member of the Section XI Warriors Rugby Team and has been an assistant to the coaches of the South Shore Hookers 12U and 14U Teams; and

WHEREAS, During his high school tenure, Jacob Arens has also been a member of the Tri-M National Honor Society and performed in NYSSMA for Trumpet and piano while continuing to practice and play trumpet, piano, guitar, and Ukulele; and

WHEREAS, An avid volunteer, Jacob Arens has worked on many Eagle Scout Projects and has logged in 44 community service hours through Troop 205; he is also an Usher at Trinity Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Arens is the son of a very supportive Scouting family with his mother, Diane, along with his father and Troop 205 Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Arens, and his older brother and former Troop 205 Scout, Eddie Arens; he also continues an Arens family tradition of Eagle Scouts which includes his father, two uncles, and his cousin, Scott; 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, 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, Jacob Arens planned, purchased and installed 200 feet of white, attractive two-rail, western style fence at his home church, Trinity Lutheran, along Union Boulevard in Islip; and

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

WHEREAS, As he goes forward in his academic career, Jacob Arens plans to attend John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, where he will major in its History and MBA joint program and play rugby, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Arens' 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 Jacob Arens on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jacob Arens.