Senate Resolution No. 628

BY: Senator THOMAS

CONGRATULATING Vincent Staffa upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Through his diligence and rigorous efforts, Vincent Staffa has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Staffa is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 230, Oceanside, 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 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, Vincent Staffa prepared equipment bags with many sorely needed emergency items for the members of the Oceanside Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Truly making an exceptional effort for his community, Vincent Staffa identified the need for these items by meeting and interviewing several firefighters to distinguish the most helpful tools for first response for people to carry when on call; he worked tirelessly to assemble a useful, functional bag that would not get in the way of their equipment and that was filled with good quality items; and

WHEREAS, Along with several volunteers, Vincent Staffa's project proved to be successful and distributed around 100 emergency item bags to the town's firefighters; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Oceanside, 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, Vincent Staffa plans to continue the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Staffa'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 Vincent Staffa on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vincent Staffa.