Assembly Resolution No. 285

BY: M. of A. Maher

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 33, Walden, New York, on June 3, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations that are devoted to instilling in youth the values of community service and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and its members are dedicated to the development of character and leadership in the youth of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 33, Walden, New York, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at James Olley Park; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America have so manifestly contributed to the preservation of those treasured ideals of compassion, honor, preparedness and concern for others which are so paradigmatic of our American Heritage; this auspicious event will celebrate the leadership the Troop 33 Scouting program has provided to the youth of the Village of Walden and its surrounding communities for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Troop 33 started as Troop 3 in May 1923, chartered by the First Reformed Church of Walden through the efforts of Reverend Theodore F. Bayles; the church formed a Troop Committee headed by prominent businessman Floyd Wooster, and installed another prominent businessman, Marcus Millspaugh Sr. as the first Scoutmaster; since then, the Troop has had 11 Scoutmasters, the most recent being Gabe Gonzalez; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last century, 89 Scouts from Troop 33 have earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, the highest in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, The Troop has always taken a lead role in the local council with multiple members serving as executives and commissioners as well as contributing their knowledge and skills for various training courses; and

WHEREAS, The Scouts have earned many accolades over the years for the Troop as well, winning many trophies and awards at local Scout rallies and camporees; Troop leaders have also received various awards recognizing their contributions to Scouting, including multiple District Awards of Merit, Silver Beaver awards and inductions into the Eagle Scout Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Scouts from the Troop have gone on to become valuable members of the community, becoming doctors, judges, ministers, businessmen, soldiers, and even Scoutmasters of the Troop; not only have former Scouts become esteemed members of the community but many have

served the community through volunteer organizations from local fire departments to Rotary, Masons and Knights of Columbus among others; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to its community, Boy Scout Troop 33 has engaged in countless service projects through the years, including collecting food for the local food pantries, and participating in several village holiday celebrations, as well as events honoring our Nation's flag, and our veterans; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Boy Scout Troop 33 has completed various projects for local organizations such as the Walden Volunteer Ambulance Corps, New Windsor SPCA, Holy Name of Mary Church, Our Lady of Fatima Church, St. Benedict Church, Berea Elementary School, St. Andrews Church, First Reformed Church of Walden, Chapel Field Christian School, Goodwill Church, Benedict Park, Lady of The Lake Church, Montgomery Food Pantry, Orange County Farmers Museum, Berea Road baseball field, several cemeteries, Most Precious Blood, and the Walden Village pump house; and

WHEREAS, With a proud and distinguished history, Boy Scout Troop 33 has maintained the traditional values of Scouting and has upheld the Oath and Law of the Boy Scouts of America for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to add its commendation and congratulations on this notable occasion, recognizing the exemplary efforts and promising future of Boy Scout Troop 33 and its dedicated leadership who have given so selflessly, with meritorious achievement, in contributing to the education and development of the youth of their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 33, Walden, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gabe Gonzalez, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 33, Walden, New York.