Assembly Resolution No. 929

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CONGRATULATING Connor Dominick upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Connor Dominick, 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 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in White Plains, New York, on Saturday, April 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Connor Dominick is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 73, part of the Greater Hudson Valley Council, in White Plains, New York; he is a ninth-grade student at White Plains High School; 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 14-year-old 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, Connor Dominick contributed his time and hard work to complete his project for Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, a 150-bed facility which provides inpatient and outpatient therapy for individuals with various types of illnesses and injuries, including stroke, spinal cord injury, amputation, and brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Connor Dominick designed, built, and installed a customized adaptive gardening bed as an addition to the existing non-adaptive gardening space; he had recognized the need for adaptive gardening at the hospital after its former space had been removed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, To cover the cost of the materials for his project, Connor Dominick raised $1,100 required to build and stain the nine-foot adaptive planter; coordinating a team of Scouts and volunteers from the community, he ensured the proper fit into an existing space outside the

therapy gymnasium for the patients' access when it was installed on April 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Because of Connor Dominick's planning, diligence, and labor, the patients of Burke Rehabilitation Hospital have access to gardening activities during warmer months; the innovative design allows all patients, whether ambulatory or wheelchair-bound, to participate in this beneficial therapy; and

WHEREAS, Connor Dominick'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, Connor Dominick's dedication to the well-being of the citizens of White Plains is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, This new Eagle Scout is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State, and his Nation; undoubtedly, 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 Connor Dominick on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Connor Dominick.