

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Stephen Franz upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Stephen Franz, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony will be held at the Mineola High School Auditorium in Garden City Park, New York, on Saturday, June 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Franz, of Mineola, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 in Mineola, 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed, and executed; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Franz, a graduate of Mineola High School in 2024, contributed his time and hard work to complete his project for the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour; and

WHEREAS, For his Scouting project, Stephen Franz renovated an existing courtyard at the Church to create a prayer garden; this involved removing dead trees and bushes to plant new ones, trimming the hedges, and planting various perennials; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Stephen Franz replaced a broken angel statue and repaired a gutter on the Church, providing a peaceful place for parishioners and visitors to reflect, congregate, and relax; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Franz plans to pursue a career in welding, receiving his training at Suffolk Community College; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Franz'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, Stephen Franz's dedication to the well-being of the citizens of his community is represented through his devotion to 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 Stephen Franz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Stephen Franz.