

Senate Resolution No. 2196

BY: Senator MARTINS

CONGRATULATING Maksym Walters upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 31, 2026

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has attained Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Mineola High School in Garden City Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters has achieved this high honor through his steadfast commitment to the principles of Scouting, including leadership, service, citizenship, and personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Mineola, New York, Maksym Walters has demonstrated excellence both academically and athletically throughout his high school career at Mineola High School, Class of 2026; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters has distinguished himself through participation in numerous athletic programs, including basketball, baseball, and golf, reflecting discipline, teamwork, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters has earned recognition for his achievements in Scouting, including the Patrol of the Year Award and the Northern Tier High Adventure 100 Mile Award, demonstrating endurance, leadership, and commitment to outdoor adventure; and

WHEREAS, As part of the requirements for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Maksym Walters completed a meaningful and impactful service project for the Albertson Fire Department, constructing a bunker gear drying system consisting of a portable wooden base and a PVC piping air distribution system connected to a dryer capable of servicing multiple sets of turnout gear, thereby significantly improving efficiency and safety for local firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters began his Scouting journey with Cub Scout Pack 246 in Mineola, New York, earning the Arrow of Light Award on March 28, 2019, before continuing his advancement with Scouts BSA Troop 45; and

WHEREAS, Through years of perseverance and dedication, Maksym Walters advanced through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star Scout, and Life Scout, ultimately completing his Eagle Scout project on February 5, 2026, successfully passing his Eagle Scout Board of Review on April 7, 2026, and earning the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting journey, Maksym Walters served in leadership roles including Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster, exemplifying responsibility, leadership, and service to his troop; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters earned an impressive array of merit badges, including required badges such as Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Cooking, Lifesaving, Environmental Science, First Aid, Swimming, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, and Family Life, as well as elective merit badges including Canoeing, Collections, Fingerprinting, Fishing, Leatherwork, Model Design and Building, Rifle Shooting, and Search and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, Maksym Walters has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service, leadership, and personal excellence, earning the respect and admiration of his family, friends, fellow Scouts, and community members; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body pauses in its deliberations to recognize that Maksym Walters is a credit to his family, his school, his community, his State, and his Nation, and his future is expected to be marked by continued achievement and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Maksym Walters upon the occasion of receiving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America, and to commend him for his dedication to service, leadership, and excellence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Maksym Walters.