

Senate Resolution No. 504

**BY:** Senator ASHBY

**CONGRATULATING** Benjamin D. Gorman upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 3, 2024

**WHEREAS,** Benjamin D. Gorman, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS,** Benjamin D. Gorman is a member of Scouting America Troop 2166; and

**WHEREAS,** America has achieved its 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 its glory; and

**WHEREAS,** Scouting 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 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,** For his project, Benjamin D. Gorman organized and assisted in building an accessibility ramp at a local senior center, which greatly improved the quality of life for those who use the facility; and

**WHEREAS,** Benjamin D. Gorman's natural leadership skills were recognized and commended by those around him, and important milestones include being elected to the Order of the Arrow, attending both Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, New Mexico and Atchafalaya Swamp Base in Lafayette, Louisiana, and currently serving as a Junior Assistant Scout Master; and

**WHEREAS,** His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of 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, Benjamin D. Gorman plans to attend Hudson Valley Community College with the goal of transferring to SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry to become a New York State Forest Ranger, all while continuing to uphold

the ideals and principles of Scouting America; and

**WHEREAS,** Benjamin D. Gorman'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 Benjamin D. Gorman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin D. Gorman.