

Assembly Resolution No. 356

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CONGRATULATING Sam Ferraguto upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 24, 2025

WHEREAS, Sam Ferraguto, 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 on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sam Ferraguto, a 16-year-old tenth grade student at Avenues: The World School, is a member of Scouting America Troop 662; 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 of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, Sam Ferraguto first joined Scouting in 2018 as part of Cub Scout Pack 357 in Raleigh, North Carolina; then in 2021, he moved to New York City and found a new troop: Troop 662 the largest Scouting troop in New York City with more than 85 active Scouts; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Sam Ferraguto installed puncheons on the Willow Lake Trail in Flushing Meadows Park in Queens, New York, to make the trail more accessible to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Sam Ferraguto raised all of the funds necessary to purchase the lumber, hardware, and materials for his project; he selflessly donated any remaining funds to the Natural Areas Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Showing a penchant for leadership, Sam Ferraguto recruited more than 20 fellow Scouts as volunteers, directing them to clear the trail and construct the wooden puncheons; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of New York City is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Sam Ferraguto'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 Sam Ferraguto on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Ferraguto.