

Assembly Resolution No. 647

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CONGRATULATING Matthew Bucaj upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 7, 2025

WHEREAS, Matthew Bucaj, 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 Saturday, June 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Bucaj is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 73, White Plains, New York; 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, Scouts BSA 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, Matthew Bucaj and his team of scouts constructed four large wooden planter boxes and delivered them to the school, where they filled them with soil and prepared them for the elementary students; to inspire and educate, Matthew wrote an essay highlighting the leadership role of Eagle Scouts in the community and the importance of volunteerism; the students then engaged in a hands-on learning experience, planting flowers and herbs in the newly assembled planter boxes; and

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

WHEREAS, Matthew Bucaj is 15 years old and a 10th-grade student at White Plains High School (WPHS); he began his scouting journey in September 2015 as a Tiger Cub in Pack 5, White Plains; in March 2020, he advanced to Troop 73, continuing his commitment to scouting and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Bucaj'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 Matthew Bucaj on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Bucaj.