

## 2009-J3429

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Austin Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the John Falatyn Youth Leadership in Service Award by the Rip Van Winkle Council Boys Scouts of America

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Austin Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the John Falatyn Youth Leadership in Service Award by the Rip Van Winkle Council Boys Scouts of America on Thursday, November 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, James Decker is an Eagle Scout from Troop 8, sponsored by the Sawkill Fire Company in Sawkill; he joined Scouting in the Tiger Cub program with Pack 4, earning his Arrow of Light in 2004, and as a Scout in Troop 8, he has earned 40 Merit Badges, his Bronze and Gold Eagle Palms, advanced through the ranks from Assistant Patrol Leader to Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and ultimately became Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, During his Scouting career, James Decker has had the opportunity to attend several Scouting Activities and travel with his Troop; he has attended Camp Tri-Mount, Camp Sikorsky, Camp Henderson, Winter Trek at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation in Vermont, and most recently the Patriot's Path Council Centennial Jamboree in New Jersey; he also was CIT in 2008 and a Staff Member in 2009 as the Sports Director at Camp Tri-Mount Scout Reservation; and

WHEREAS, While on Staff, James Decker also earned his BSA Lifeguard and CPR Certifications; he was selected to attend the 2010 National Jamboree with the Rip Van Winkle Council contingency and subsequently elected to the position of Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, James Decker has been active in the Order of the Arrow Half Moon Lodge No. 28 as a Brotherhood Member; he has served as Troop 8's OA Representative, Ceremonial Team Member, and currently the Lodge Secretary; he is currently a Junior at Kingston High School, and has played

Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Kingston Area Soccer and currently, High School Soccer, Ski Club and several intramural sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, James Decker has volunteered his time as an Altar Server and has trained younger servers, assisted in the coaching of youth baseball, soccer and football, and numerous Veteran's service activities for which he has been awarded Ulster Detachment Marine Corps League Citizenship Awards; he plans to attend Boys State in the upcoming year and go on to college pursuing a career in Forestry and Wildlife Management, and intends to remain active in Scouting as an Adult Leader, currently serving as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 8; and

WHEREAS, James Decker is a credit to his family, school, community, and his State and Nation, and it is certain that his future will be filled with accomplishments of equal importance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Austin Decker upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the John Falatyn Youth Leadership in Service Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Austin Decker.