

## 2011-J503

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Chandler A. Stoddard upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Chandler A. Stoddard, 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 in May 2011 at St. Joseph's Church in New Paltz, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chandler A. Stoddard, the son of Robert G. and Jeanine Stoddard, is a member of Rip Van Winkle Council, Boy Scouts of America Troop 172, in New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, America has achieved her 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 her glory; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of 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 only five percent of all Boy 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, For his Eagle project, Chandler A. Stoddard designed, planned, and with the assistance of his friends and fellow Scouts, built two baseball dugouts at Dressel Field, located at the New Paltz Reformed

Church in New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Chandler A. Stoddard undertaking his project, which required 560 man-hours, or nearly 24 days, to complete, there were just two benches available for the use of the players; now, as a result of his efforts, there are two dugouts, complete with roofs and protective fencing for the safety of the players, which will no doubt be used and appreciated for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, While the New Paltz Baseball Association generously provided some funds for the project, Chandler A. Stoddard raised the remaining required funds; and

WHEREAS, He completed the project on April 11, 2010, just in time for the opening day of baseball in New Paltz and was fittingly and proudly recognized by the town at a ribbon cutting ceremony held on Opening Day; and

WHEREAS, A 2010 graduate of New Paltz High School, Chandler A. Stoddard'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 Chandler A. Stoddard on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chandler A. Stoddard, 172 State Route 208, New Paltz, New York 12561.