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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Patrick Joseph Hanrahan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 3, 2011

WHEREAS, Patrick Joseph Hanrahan, 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 Sunday, April 3, 2011, at the Edwin Welch, Jr. Post 1132, Seaford American Legion Hall, Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joseph Hanrahan, son of Richard and Carol Hanrahan, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 239 Seaford, New York; 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 project, Patrick Joseph Hanrahan restored and landscaped a neglected World War II Memorial to the four Chaplains, men of four different religious denominations on their way to the war in Europe

in February of 1943, who comforted soldiers then gave their own lives in order to save others during the sinking of the troop transport ship USAT Dorchester; and

WHEREAS, His project, which included the restoration of a welcome sign and creation of a mirror garden on the site of the memorial, encompassed over 270 hours of labor and the coordination and direction of over 42 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joseph Hanrahan'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 Patrick Joseph Hanrahan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patrick Joseph Hanrahan, 3985 Hudson Avenue, Seaford, New York 11783.