

## 2013-J53

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew Joseph Bloniarz upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on January 6, 2013

WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Bloniarz, 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, January 6, 2013, at the American Legion Post 1273, Wantagh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Bloniarz is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 656, Wantagh, 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, Andrew Joseph Bloniarz focused on helping the Long Island hiking community; as a participant in many hikes under the direction of the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference (LIGTC), he was aware of what needed to be done to benefit Long Island's trails; and

WHEREAS, One specific trail was prone to crippling floods which rendered it impassable; after raising the needed funds, Andrew Joseph Bloniarz, along with his fellow Scouts constructed six 10-foot long wooden bridges to be placed on the trail and aid accessibility even

while the trail was flooded; the team quickly secured the bridges in the ground on the morning of Hurricane Irene, which proved to be the ultimate test; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Bloniarz's project has truly helped fellow hikers continue their outdoor adventures both more safely as well as staying dry; and

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Joseph Bloniarz.