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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Raymond J. Smith upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Raymond J. Smith, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he was honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony at St. Rita Church in Webster, New York on Saturday, January 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Raymond J. Smith, the son of Drew and Ellen Smith, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 163 in Webster; 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, Raymond J. Smith constructed an equestrian bridge which crosses a seasonal trail on the White Trail in Webster Park; the bridge was designed by an engineer to hold two horses; he also labeled the trail bed with a sign and placed a bench on the trail; and

WHEREAS, Raymond J. Smith'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 Raymond J. Smith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Raymond J. Smith.