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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas E. Winthrop upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Winthrop, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony to be held on Friday, May 17, 2013, at the Massapequa Park Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Winthrop is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 660 in Massapequa; 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, Thomas E. Winthrop worked with the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Massapequa to create his Eagle project which he entitled the Perpetual Pantry; and

WHEREAS, The St. Rose of Lima Church has an enormous outreach program led by Danielle LaRose; Thomas E. Winthrop worked with her to devise an Eagle project which would benefit the food pantry and his fellow parishioners since, during the summer months when so many people are away on vacation, the church's food pantry often experiences a shortage of food to distribute to those in need; and

WHEREAS, The Perpetual Pantry would significantly alleviate, if not eliminate, the seasonal shortage of food being donated; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Winthrop mapped out several seven to eight block areas in Massapequa where he would go up and down with an army of boy scouts putting, on each doorstep, a canvas bag with a flyer attached asking them to donate food to the food pantry and to put their bags, with or without food, on their doorsteps the following weekend when Thomas E. Winthrop and other boy scouts would pick them up; and

WHEREAS, Once the food was collected it was delivered to the food pantry and the bags were recycled for use the next weekend in another area, helping to keep the pantry perpetually full because every other weekend more food would be coming in; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Winthrop started the Perpetual Pantry by purchasing the bags, printing the flyers and delivering and collecting the bags for the first two areas; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of four weekends Thomas E. Winthrop and other Boy Scouts collected between 1500-2000 items of food and, each weekend 12 to 15 scouts and 3 to 5 adults helped Thomas E. Winthrop with the delivery and collection of the bags; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Winthrop'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 Thomas E. Winthrop on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas E. Winthrop.