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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Nicholas J. Despart upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 11, 2015

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Despart, 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 Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the Berlin High School Auditorium, Cherry Plain, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Despart, the son of James and Kathleen Despart, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 222, as well as the Order of the Arrow; he is a senior at Tech Valley High School and is a member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball team at Berlin High School; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional student, Nicholas J. Despart is currently ranked number one in his class at Tech Valley High School; he is also a member of the National Honor Society and has won many academic achievement awards, including the Rensselaer Gold Medalist Award; upon graduating, he plans to study environmental engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, An archery enthusiast, Nicholas J. Despart teaches the sport to youth at Flying Arrow Sports; 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, Nicholas J. Despart first fundraised, then developed plans and built an outdoor archery range for the Dyken Pond Environmental Center, Cropseyville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Despart '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 Nicholas J. Despart on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas J. Despart.