LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Eric Schwartz upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Eric Schwartz, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and WHEREAS, Eric Schwartz, the son of Joann and Steven Schwartz, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 26, in Wappingers Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Currently a senior at Roy C. Ketcham High School, in Wappingers Falls, Eric Schwartz is a member of both the National Honors Society and the Business Honor Society, as well as a participant in the Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, Eric Schwartz played the saxophone in the school band from fifth grade through 11th grade, and is currently on the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, During the summer, Eric Schwartz is employed as a lifeguard and swim instructor at Breezemont Day Camp, Armonk, New York; and WHEREAS, Eric Schwartz has held many positions throughout his tenure in Boy Scout Troop 26; 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, Eric Schwartz, along with his family and friends, first raised funds, and then installed three gates around the Cider Mill in Poughkeepsie, New York; and WHEREAS, Eric Schwartz'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 Eric Schwartz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Eric Schwartz.