

## 2015-J1242

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gregory Pirie upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 11, 2015

WHEREAS, Gregory Pirie, 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 Community Alliance Church, Hoosick Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Pirie, the son of Debbie and Fred Pirie, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 63, Hoosick Falls, New York; he graduated from Hoosick Falls Central School in June of 2014, with an Advanced Regents Diploma; and

WHEREAS, As a student at Hoosick Falls Central School, Gregory Pirie was a member of the band, drama club, and both the varsity wrestling and baseball teams; for the past three summers, he held the position of instructor/lifeguard/counselor at Camp Wakpominnee, Fort Ann, New York; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gregory Pirie is a student at Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, New York, majoring in hospitality/business; he also is a participant of the outing club, and is employed as a lifeguard at the college pool; 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, Gregory Pirie constructed 30 wooden duck boxes for the Pioneer Fish and Game Club; the boxes were placed throughout the region in order to maintain and record nesting data; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Pirie'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 Gregory Pirie on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregory Pirie.