

## 2015-J1568

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Chad Halson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 12, 2015

WHEREAS, Chad Halson, 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 Sunday, April 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Chad Halson is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 50, LaGrange, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout seven years as a scout, Chad Halson has earned 59 merit badges and eight Special Awards, including Historic Trail Award, Kayaking BSA, Mile Swim BSA, National Outdoor Award in Camping, SCUBA BSA, World Conservation, Paul Bunyan, and Totin' Chip; he also served as Senior Patrol Leader from September of 2013 to May of 2014; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Arlington High School, LaGrange, New York, Chad Halson is a member of the National Honor Society, the Independent Research Team on Hydrofracking and the Ski Club; upon graduating, he plans on majoring in Biology at the State University of New York at Oswego; 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, Chad Halson first designed and then constructed a peace pole plaza and garden at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, New York; he created a grass pathway outlined with inlaid bricks which led to a circular inlaid brick plaza, where he erected a six foot wooden peace pole with writing on all sides, and planted a small garden in the center; and

WHEREAS, Chad Halson'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 Chad Halson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chad Halson.