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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Shane Joseph Sharkey upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Shane Joseph Sharkey, 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, June 20, 2015, at the Methodist Church, Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Shane Joseph Sharkey is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 58, Southampton; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Shane Joseph Sharkey successfully completed the BSA National Youth Leadership Training Session; using the skills he learned, he became a member of the North Sea Fire Department Juniors Program, ultimately holding the position of Captain; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Shane Joseph Sharkey joined both the Southampton Village Ambulance Corps and the Southampton Town Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, Shane Joseph Sharkey has participated in several clubs, including the Southampton Chapter of the Ducks Unlimited and the Key Club; he also held many leadership roles on his Varsity Football, Golf, and Lacrosse high school sports teams; and

WHEREAS, Shane Joseph Sharkey is a member of the Mariner Varsity Club, and volunteered for numerous organizations, such as the Special Olympics, and various environmental clean-up programs at both Elliston Park and Scallop Pond Road; and

WHEREAS, Employed as a caddie at National Golf Links of America during the summer, Shane Joseph Sharkey served as a Committee Person for the prestigious Walker Cup Golf Tournament in 2013; during the winter months, he was employed as a dog handler and "beater" during hunts on Robins Island in Peconic Bay; and

WHEREAS, Currently attending Alfred State College of Technology, Shane Joseph Sharkey is pursuing a degree in Automotive Technology; while a student, he serves as a Safety Officer for the Alfred State Disaster Relief Team; 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, conservationist Shane Joseph Sharkey built a game bird brooding house and pen to raise and release pheasants on public property as a component of a program which is sponsored in part by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Shane Joseph Sharkey'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 Shane Joseph Sharkey on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Shane Joseph Sharkey.