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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli, 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 Plandome Village Hall, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 71, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, A Scout since 2005, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli has served in several leadership positions for Boys Scouts of America Troop 71, including Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his time with Troop 71, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli participated in numerous activities, including ice climbing, Alpine Scout Camp, Greenkill Winter Weekends, and Annual Summer Camp at both Yawgoog and Aquehonga, where he earned most of his 33 merit badges; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli earned his 50-miler patch while training with his Philmont Scout Ranch Crew at Ten Mile River; while there, he embarked on a two-week trek through the mountains of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional Scout and role model, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli received the Ad Altare Dei Religious Medal, and is an ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, A student at Manhasset High School, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli is a participant of the Exemplars, and was inducted into both the Honor Society, and the Italian Honor Society; in addition, he continually earns Gold Honor Roll status; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 and 2015, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli obtained the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, and was selected to attend American Legion Boys' State in 2015; he is also the recipient of the New York State Rowing Association Scholar Athlete Award, and has participated in Crew and Track and Field, as well as CYO Basketball; 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, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli transformed the second floor of the barn at the Science Museum of Long Island into an Anthropology Viewing Center, so that donated artifacts could be studied and displayed; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli'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 Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vincent Benjamin Tomaselli.