

## 2015-J2815

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew James Graham upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Andrew James Graham, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Andrew James Graham, the son of James and Stefanie Graham, is a 16-year-old Sophomore at Columbia High School, East Greenbush, New York; he is an honor student, and has played football for four years, and lacrosse for three years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Andrew James Graham is a member of both the Chamber Choir at his school, and the Holy Spirit Church Teen Choir; he also participated in the winter musical and drama club for two years; 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, Andrew James Graham built a pedestrian walkway at Holy Spirit Church, East Greenbush, New York; the project took 120 hours to complete, and included planning for bricks, sand, and other materials, delivery of materials, removal of existing grass, spreading sand, and installing bricks; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Andrew James Graham and his workers eliminated one parking space, and painted a crosswalk through the space to ensure the safety of the pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Andrew James Graham'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 Andrew James Graham on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew James Graham.