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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John Folwell IV upon the occasion of earning all 141 Boy Scout of America Merit Badges, the first Scout to accomplish this rare, and amazing task

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, John Folwell IV represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, John Folwell IV was a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 31, Rochester, New York, when he achieved an incredible feat; he is the first Scout to earn all 141 Boy Scout of America Merit Badges that were available during his six-plus years as a Scout, including four that were available for only a year; and

WHEREAS, Currently, an 18 year-old Senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School, John Folwell IV distinctly remembers the hard work and diligent efforts that were required to achieve each and every badge which decorates his sash; some of his most vivid memories are associated with obtaining Merit Badges for cycling, public speaking, theater, backpacking and signaling; 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, A stellar role model for his peers, this outstanding young man has been involved in Scouting for many years, and has proudly lived up to Scouting's ideals; this remarkable young man 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 John Folwell IV upon the occasion of earning all 141 Boy Scout of America Merit Badges, the first Scout to accomplish this rare, and amazing task; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Folwell IV.