

## 2015-J4250

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Wiley Sardella Matthews upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 2, 2016

WHEREAS, Wiley Sardella Matthews, 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, April 2, 2016, at St. Joseph's Recreational Center, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Wiley Sardella Matthews, the son of Todd and DeAnna Matthews, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 300, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Homeschooled and currently in the 11th grade, Wiley Sardella Matthews plans to take courses at SUNY Orange in the start of his senior year where he will study Computer Science, Business Administration, and Engineering; he is in the process of obtaining his Private Pilot's license and is an avid pianist; 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, Wiley Sardella Matthews began his Eagle Scout Service Project, Maple Hill Park Pedestrian Bridge, in early October of 2015 and was completed in late November; the bridge is situated over an inlet stream to Maple Hill Parks pond; it makes movement around the park easier by allowing park-goers to completely circumnavigate the pond; the location had to be cleared of obstruction and a stone foundation created to support the bridge; the bridge was designed in cooperation with an engineer, assembled at his home, and placed onto its foundation with a crane; and

WHEREAS, Wiley Sardella Matthews' 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 Wiley Sardella Matthews on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wiley Sardella Matthews.