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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Matthew Josef Ruhland upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 9, 2016

WHEREAS, Matthew Josef Ruhland, 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 9, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church of Chili, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Josef Ruhland is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 275, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2004, Matthew Josef Ruhland joined Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Cub Scouts; after earning Cub Scoutings' highest honor, the Arrow of Light, he graduated into Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Matthew Josef Ruhland has served in numerous leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Den Chief; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Josef Ruhland not only earned the 21 badges needed to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, but also received 17 additional badges and three optional badges; and

WHEREAS, A student in the Churchville Chili School District, Matthew Josef Ruhland is a member of the National Honor Society, the High School Band, and the Math Club; an exceptional athlete, he also participates on both the Track and Field and Cross Country Teams; 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, Matthew Josef Ruhland directed a group of Scouts and leaders in clearing and mulching a nature trail behind Chestnut Ridge Road School, making it easier for people with disabilities to use; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Josef Ruhland and his team spent 150 hours cutting down dead trees, repairing two bridges and making wet areas passable; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Josef Ruhland'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 Matthew Josef Ruhland on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Josef Ruhland.