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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Peter D. Jones upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on July 12, 2016

WHEREAS, Peter D. Jones, 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 Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at Camp Wakpominnee in Fort Ann, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter D. Jones is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 278, sponsored by Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Peter D. Jones joined Troop 278, and within the first few years, he earned the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class; his achievements also include the Star rank in 2012 and the Life rank a year later; and

WHEREAS, Peter D. Jones' leadership skills were honed when he attended the National Youth Leadership Training Camp at Rotary Scout Reservation in 2011; subsequently, he became Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peter D. Jones became a volunteer at the Colonie Town Park Cub Scout Day Camp, assisting as a Scout Craft Counselor; in 2012, he was asked to run the Nature Program, where he taught cub scouts the importance of the "Leave No Trace" principles of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, Peter D. Jones continued his journey in Scouting by accepting an offer to join the staff at Camp Wakpominnee as a Waterfront Lifeguard and Instructor; since taking on those roles, he has worked on the waterfront at the camp every summer; 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, Peter D. Jones constructed and installed cabinets on pre-existing cubbyholes at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to installation, Peter D. Jones carefully measured the varying-sized cubbyholes in three rooms, and used the wood shop at his high school to construct and varnish them; and

WHEREAS, Peter D. Jones' 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 Peter D. Jones on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Peter D. Jones.