

## 2015-J4571

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Timothy Updegraph upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

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

WHEREAS, Timothy Updegraph is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 3044 in Elmira, New York; currently, he is a senior at Horseheads High School in Horseheads, New York; 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, Timothy Updegraph created an audio tour of 12 notable gravesites at Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, New York; he spent numerous hours researching the deep history of the cemetery and its notables including John W. Jones, Colonel John Hendy and Mark Twain; and

WHEREAS, One of the stops included in Timothy Updegraph's audio tour, is the gravesite of Colonel John Hendy, a Revolutionary War soldier who fought against the British and was one of the first settlers to the Chemung/Elmira area; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Updegraph narrated the tour and created the background music which can be enjoyed as a walking or driving excursion through the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Updegraph'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 Timothy Updegraph on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Timothy Updegraph.