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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Justin L. Michaelson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 20, 2016

WHEREAS, Justin L. Michaelson, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at the Elks Lodge in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Justin L. Michaelson is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 62 in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Justin L. Michaelson joined Troop 62, and during the next six years, he advanced through the ranks from Scout to Eagle Scout; he earned 35 Merit Badges and sharpened his leadership skills as First Aid Instructor, Answer Box, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, In addition, some of Justin L. Michaelson's scouting activities and honors included attending summer camp at Ten Mile River Camp Ranachqua, marching in the Memorial Day and Saint Patrick Day Parades, Menorah Lighting Services, and being the recipient of the Muhammad Wilkerson/Jerrel Jernigan Award; and

WHEREAS, Active in his school and community, Justin L. Michaelson participated as a three-year Varsity Wrestler and two-year Varsity Football Player as well as taking part in several Goshen High School Musical Performances; 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, Justin L. Michaelson created care packages for sick and injured children at Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, New York; the care packages consisted of stuffed elephants, coloring books, crayons and birth certificates; and

WHEREAS, Justin L. Michaelson was able to deliver the care packages to some of the sick children right before Christmas which was the highlight of the project; and

WHEREAS, Justin L. Michaelson'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 Justin L. Michaelson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Justin L. Michaelson.