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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Marco Dante Amendola upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

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

WHEREAS, Marco Dante Amendola is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 97, New City, New York; in addition to attaining the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout, he was the recipient of the Ad Altari Dei and Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems Award, the highest religious award that a Catholic Scout can achieve; and

WHEREAS, A born leader, Marco Dante Amendola held the position of Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 97, and serves as the current Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New City, New York, Marco Dante Amendola attended Strawtown Elementary School and Felix Festa Middle School; today, he is a junior at Clarkstown South High School; and

WHEREAS, A young man of many interests, Marco Dante Amendola is an accomplished percussionist, a certified scuba diver, an award winning artist and a published cartoonist; and

WHEREAS, A true role model, Marco Dante Amendola serves on a Student Advisory Council, where he has been a consistently positive voice for young students interested in the legislative process; 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, Marco Dante Amendola restored the Camp Shanks Museum in Orangeburg, New York; he worked with local veterans from World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War to design, create and install a new museum sign; researched and made a World War II era vintage directional sign; patched and re-plastered the exterior of the museum; scraped and repainted the exterior of the museum; redesigned, re-bricked and illuminated the flag pole area; patched and painted the museum ceiling and landscaped the entire museum grounds; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Marco Dante Amendola honored the veterans of Rockland County with a dedication ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Marco Dante Amendola'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 Marco Dante Amendola on achieving the rank of

Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marco Dante Amendola.