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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Austin Hecht upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Ryan Austin Hecht, 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, May 21, 2016, at the Miller Place High School in Miller Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Austin Hecht, the son of Craig and Christine Hecht, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 204, Miller Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since joining Troop 204, Ryan Austin Hecht has earned numerous Scouting medals including, Ad Altare Dei Religious, Jockey Hollow Historic Trail, Gettysburg Heritage Trails, Boston Freedom Trail, Valley Forge Trail and Philadelphia Freedom Trail, as well as the Totin' Chip and Fireman Chit Awards; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Austin Hecht, a Senior attending Mount Sinai High School in Mount Sinai, New York, is ranked 5th in his class, and has achieved success as a National Merit Scholar Commended Student, AP Scholar of Distinction, as well as a member of National Honor Society and Mathletes A-Team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ryan Austin Hecht has been recognized as a four-time Computer Science Student of the Month, Teacher Assistant for an Introductory Programming Class and a finisher in the top 50% of the Saint Joseph College Programming Contest; and

WHEREAS, Involved in the performing arts and sports, Ryan Austin Hecht played the lead in several high school musicals, and has been a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and New York State School Music Association; he also participated in varsity golf and tennis; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Ryan Austin Hecht plans to attend Brown

University or Johns Hopkins University in the Fall; 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, Ryan Austin Hecht planned, organized and constructed an outdoor, weatherproof message board for the Outreach Office at Infant Jesus Roman Catholic Church in Port Jefferson, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Austin Hecht led a work group of scouts, scout leaders and parents who helped construct the message board using composite decking materials; the message board includes features such as locked double doors, cork interior, a copper roof and solar lighting; the work group also landscaped the area surrounding the message board; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Austin Hecht'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 Ryan Austin Hecht on achieving the rank of Eagle
Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Austin Hecht.