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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Matthew Goldsmith upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 15, 2016

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldsmith, 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 Sunday, May 15, 2016, at the Lomala Civic Center in Hopewell Junction, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldsmith is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 86, Fishkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, As a Senior attending John Jay High School in East Fishkill, New York, Matthew Goldsmith is the Captain of the track team where he was named to the All County Team for the past three years; in addition, in 2015, he qualified to compete in high jump in the New York State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldsmith is an active member of the Hopewell Reformed Church Youth Group and volunteers in various church ministries; in the Fall, he plans to select a college where he can pursue a degree in Criminal Justice; 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, Matthew Goldsmith rehabilitated and beautified the Major Daniel M. Martz Memorial in Wappinger, New York; and

WHEREAS, Major Martz, a resident of Dutchess County, was the first casualty of the Vietnam War, and in recent years, the memorial had become overlooked and did not properly represent the magnitude of the sacrifice of the Martz family; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldsmith's project included painting the flagpole, installing solar lighting on the American flag, installing paver steps as well as a border around the monument; today, there is a renewed interest in the memorial which is befitting to an American hero; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goldsmith'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 Matthew Goldsmith on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Goldsmith.