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Senate Resolution No. 1649

BY: Senator LAVALLE

CONGRATULATING Devin James Sullivan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on August 14, 2018

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout, on August 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man made persistent and steady progress through the ranks to achieve this prestigious award and has demonstrated his determination to prepare himself for a meaningful, productive role in society; and

WHEREAS, The son of James and Margaret Sullivan, Devin is the eldest child of four; his siblings include Morgan, his sister, who herself is a founding Female Scout of the newly formed Female Troop 433 BSA, and two brothers, Dylan and Dustin, all from Ridge, New York; and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 433 of Middle Island, New York; he completed all requirements for the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout while only 15 years old; and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan is the 82nd Eagle Scout of Troop 433

in Middle Island since its chartering by the Middle Island Volunteer Fire Department in January, 1976; and

WHEREAS, He has participated in Flag placements and pick-ups at both Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, New York, and Long Island National Cemetery in Wyandanch, New York, since 1st grade, 11 years ago, when he first joined Scouting as a Tiger Scout in Cub Scout Pack 187; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Order of the Arrow which is the Honor Society of Scouting, Devin James Sullivan has always enjoyed camping and the great outdoors; he is comfortable around all species of wildlife and domesticated pets as well as all seasons and weather when on a trail or trek; and

WHEREAS, A quiet but thoughtful leader, currently the Troop elected SPL (Senior Patrol Leader); and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan has performed roughly over 200 hours of community service as a Scout and as a student in the Longwood School District; and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan is a 16 year old Honor Student in his Junior year at Longwood Senior High School, and is a member of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Devin is proud to have been recently selected as a member of the Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) at Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), which is a cooperative effort between the college, the

Longwood school district, and community groups to enable students to complete high school and pursue a college education; and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan is interested in a career in flying as a pilot, and the medical field to help others in need; 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, 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 approximately 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, Devin James Sullivan chose to create a project which he felt was meaningful and would last for future generations to enjoy; he elected to construct an entrance Pergola of cedar with two attached cedar flower boxes; they now define the entrance from the parking lot that leads to a restored foot bridge and park at the former site of The Bavarian Inn, at Beautiful Historic Lake Ronkonkoma; his fellow Scouts, friends, and family members donated many hours of their time to help him reach his goal; and

WHEREAS, Devin James Sullivan'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 Devin James Sullivan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Devin James Sullivan.