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Senate Resolution No. 606

BY: Senator THOMAS

CONGRATULATING David Velez upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

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

WHEREAS, 17-year-old David Velez is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 485; currently, he is a Junior at H. Frank Carey High School, in Franklin Square, New York, and will graduate in June of 2022; and

WHEREAS, On his journey to Eagle Scout, David Velez earned 37 merit badges as well as a Silver Palm, a Gold Palm, and a Bronze Palm; he also earned awards in Cub Scouting including the Arrow of Light; 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 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 the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, David Velez helped The Little Shelter; this vital organization rescues animals and works hard to find them homes; with the help of his fellow scouts, family members and friends, David was able to collect an amazing amount of much needed items and supplies as well as make a monetary donation; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of his community is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Besides his participation as a boy scouts, David Velez earned several recognitions in Little League baseball; he is also an avid boxer at Two Champs Boxing and a member of the Carey Bowling Team; and

WHEREAS, He enjoys fishing with his father and brother, and is a member of the H. Frank Carey High School Comic Book Club, collecting comics as a hobby; and

WHEREAS, As he goes forward in his academic career, David Velez plans on attending college in the future and becoming a member of the S.W.A.T. Team, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, David Velez'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 David Velez on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Velez.