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Senate Resolution No. 2437

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Andrew Margaritis upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Andrew Margaritis, 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, June 11, 2022, at Mineola High School in Garden City Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Margaritis joined Boy Scouts in 2015 as part of Troop 200 in Williston Park, and is now a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Andrew Margaritis served as Patrol Leader of the Crusader Patrol in 2018, and was Assistant Senior Patrol Leader from 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Margaritis has attended many trips with Troop 45, including camping at Baiting Hollow and backpacking at Philmont with the Mineola Mailmen; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Scouting, Andrew Margaritis is active at his school, Chaminade High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society, and is involved with Cross Country, Gold Glee Club, Vocal

Chamber Ensemble, and Pit Band; 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 of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Andrew Margaritis built planter boxes for the students of St. Aidan's School of Williston Park to utilize as a part of their curriculum; the Scout remembers bringing home a cup of soil to grow a plant at home when he attended school there, and wanted

to ensure the new generation of students were able to have the same experiences he had; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens

of Mineola, New York, is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Margaritis' 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 Andrew Margaritis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Margaritis.