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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John W. Cleary upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 23, 2010

WHEREAS, John W. Cleary, 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 23, 2010, at the Seaford Firehouse, Seaford, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of Lora and Thomas Cleary, John W. Cleary is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 239; 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 Eagle project, John W. Cleary created an elevated garden memorial honoring rookie NYPD Officer Edward Byrne who was killed in the line of duty in 1988 while guarding the home of a witness; and

WHEREAS, Using railroad ties, John W. Cleary constructed a raised

platform and garden on Seaman Neck Road in Seaford including a memorial plaque dedicating the garden to Officer Byrne, a statue of an eagle, and a bench enhancing the enjoyment of the garden for students and faculty of the nearby East Broadway School and other visitors; and

WHEREAS, John W. Cleary also refurnished five other areas around the memorial and main garden, weeding, trimming, and building and planting several small gardens and greatly beautifying the area; and

WHEREAS, John W. Cleary'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 John W. Cleary on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John W. Cleary, 3852 Clark Street, Seaford, New York 11783.