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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Brian Rafferty upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Brian Rafferty, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony; 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, Brian Rafferty built a playground at the Town of Ulster mini park on Elmendorf Drive; and

WHEREAS, Brian Rafferty developed the plan for the playground, and once it was approved, he determined the materials needed, raised funds for the project, and acted as the foreman for the job; and

WHEREAS, Brian Rafferty'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 Brian Rafferty on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brian Rafferty.