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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew York upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 2, 2014

WHEREAS, Andrew York, 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, March 2, 2014, at the Ginegaw Lodge, Walworth, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of Andrea and Carl York, Andrew Walter York is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 167; 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 project, Andrew made significant educational and recreational enhancements to a hiking trail by installing tree identifications and benches; a supremely beneficial project, it was recognized as the Eagle Project of the Month by the Seneca Waterways Council; and

WHEREAS, Working with a naturalist, Andrew identified 15 native species of trees, and installed a 4 x 4 post at each tree; every post was affixed with a plaque inscribed with interesting facts about the tree, including its uses and its common and scientific names; he built and had installed two benches located strategically along the trail to provide resting spots for hikers; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is a consummate Scout, having been involved since kindergarten and having served in several leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader; he is a member of the Order of the Arrow, and is a Leave No Trace Trainer; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Scouting, Andrew has a wide range of interests and activities; he is active in a variety of sports, regularly performs in theatre productions, is a musician, and is also involved in several other school groups; and

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

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