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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating John J. O'Grady upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 6, 2014

WHEREAS, John J. O'Grady, 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, April 6, 2014, at Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, John J. O'Grady is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 87, Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, John J. O'Grady joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in the Our Lady of Victory Parish Troop 678, in Floral Park, New York, and entered Boy Scouting in 2007 with the same troop; he continued Scouting in sixth grade as a member of Kellenberg Troop 87; and

WHEREAS, Advancing through the ranks of Scouting, John J. O'Grady has received Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class Scout, First Class Scout, Star Scout, and Life Scout, before receiving the rank of Eagle Scout; 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, John J. O'Grady refurbished the courtyard between the school parking lot and the convent at Our Lady of Victory School in Floral Park; accompanied by a crew of scouts and friends, he renovated a flower bed around the statue of St. Joseph, replacing brick with slate rock, filling it in with dirt, and planting flowers in the bed; he also built slate rock flower beds around two of the trees and planted flowers within them, repaired the fence and rock wall separating the courtyard from the parking lot, and established a place for passers-by to sit and rest; and

WHEREAS, In addition to these renovations, John J. O'Grady repaired the brick stairs leading to the convent door; his goal of the project was reparation, beautification, and the creation of a place of contemplation for anyone who chooses to spend time in the courtyard; and

WHEREAS, John J. O'Grady'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 J. O'Grady on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John J. O'Grady.