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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Kleanthis Plakas upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Kleanthis Plakas, 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, April 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kleanthis Plakas is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 268, Flushing, New York; 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, Kleanthis Plakas centered on the clean-up and beautification of the Lawrence Cemetery in Bayside, New York, an historical landmark site significantly damaged by Hurricane Sandy; this hardworking Scout coordinated and implemented the project,

recruiting his fellow scouts, family and friends to dispose storm debris, remove graffiti from the cemetery's front gates, and repair fencing, in addition, a garden was planted at the entrance of the cemetery, and seven handmade birdhouses were placed throughout the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Kleanthis Plakas is also an active member of the Order of the Arrow in the Matinecock Chapter, under the Kintecoying Lodge 4, and has earned the membership of Brotherhood; a reverent scout, he has also earned the Eastern Orthodox Chi Ro and Alpha-Omega religious awards; and

WHEREAS, Kleanthis Plakas' 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, In addition to Scouting, Kleanthis Plakas serves his community by spearheading the annual coat drive at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, which benefits New York Cares each winter; and

WHEREAS, Kleanthis Plakas is an Honors student at Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York, where he is a second chair clarinetist in the school's band, and participates in multiple extracurricular programs, including Anime Club, Greek Club, and Literary Magazine; this active young man is also a 1st degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do; 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 Kleanthis Plakas on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kleanthis Plakas.