

## 2013-J4205

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew Baylor upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 29, 2014

WHEREAS, Andrew Baylor, 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, March 29, 2014, at the Waterloo Fire Department in Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Baylor, the son of Matthew and Suzanne Baylor, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 74, Seneca Waterways Council, Waterloo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Waterloo High School National Honor Society, Andrew Baylor participates in soccer, and both indoor and outdoor track; 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, Andrew Baylor's project benefited the St. Mary's Cemetery in Waterloo, New York, which he successfully planned, organized, and supervised; along with many volunteers, Andrew replaced and created marker posts, and repaired the drainage under the water spouts; these improvements will provide the cemetery with an organized and functional space for families to visit their deceased loved ones; and

WHEREAS, This particular cemetery holds a special place in Andrew Baylor's heart as many of his relatives including his great-grandparents are laid to rest there; and

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

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