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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 on May 4, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 at its 44th Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Post Hall, Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Loyalty Day, "The Celebration of Patriotism," event, Jefferson Gardner will be presented the 2014 Scout of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Since the inception of VFW, the Boy Scouts of America has played a major part in supporting the VFW's efforts; during World Wars I and II the Boy Scouts helped collect food and other items to support troops in the war, and, since then, Scouting has continued to be a supporter of the VFW and Scouts have become members of the VFW; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 77, was chosen by his Troop leaders, and put forward to V.F.W. Post No. 8692 as a candidate for the Scout of the Year Award based on his outstanding citizenship in his school, in Scouting, and in his community; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day is a commemorative holiday, during the observance of which Americans pause to celebrate our freedom and to reaffirm our

allegiance to the United States, while also remembering our responsibilities to continue the legacy of liberty; and

WHEREAS, In living up to the values of duty, service, and patriotism, as evidenced by his selection for the esteemed honor of Scout of the Year, Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner exemplifies the ideals of Loyalty Day, and embodies the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, With his sense of civic duty and his commitment to others, Jefferson Gardner represents the best development of the potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Robert L. Weininger Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8692 at its 44th Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Boy Scout Jefferson Gardner.