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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating William O'Keefe upon the occasion of being elected to the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, William O'Keefe, through his diligence and vigorous efforts, has been elected to the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, William O'Keefe is scout master of Boy Scout Troop 59 in Minisink, 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, For almost a century, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, developing leaders, and providing cheerful service to others; and

WHEREAS, As Scouting's National Honor Society, OA develops leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate William O'Keefe upon the occasion of being elected to the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William O'Keefe, Minisink, New York.