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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Owen Marchand upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 3, 2015

WHEREAS, Owen Marchand, 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, May 3, 2015, at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Webster, New York; and WHEREAS, Owen Marchand, the son of Paul and Eileen Marchand, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 110, Webster, 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 project, Owen Marchand built and installed a handicap accessible gate to allow persons with disabilities access to the Irondequoit Community Garden; in addition, he helped to re-fence and plant produce in the garden, and built a bench for people to sit and enjoy their beautiful surroundings; and

WHEREAS, An honor roll student, Owen Marchand is also a participant of both the Varsity Track and Cross-Country Team, the school band, the Order of the Arrow, and a folk group at his church; and WHEREAS, Owen Marchand'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 Owen Marchand on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to Owen Marchand.