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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Nicolas Castelli upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 19, 2015

WHEREAS, Nicolas Castelli, 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 Friday, June 19, 2015, at Clinton G. Martin Pool and Recreation Center in New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Castelli is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 544, New Hyde Park, 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, Nicolas Castelli supported his passion for music education by contributing a large cabinet to organize sheet music folders to the St. Martins De Porres school music program; the cabinets would hold 150 folders of sheet music and store miscellaneous music equipment in the music classroom; and

WHEREAS, With help from HBC Architects, Nicolas Castelli developed/designed drawings for the cabinets, obtained approval for design, and met with a cabinet maker to have them constructed; with support from his troop, friends, and family, he raised a significant amount of funds through holding both a bake sale and a car wash; and WHEREAS, In addition, Nicolas Castelli created a tutorial video on the process of an Eagle Scout's project, describing the steps involved explained by various Scouts and Scouters; he has shared the video with his troop and council in hopes that Life scouts can use the video as a vital resource; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Castelli'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 Nicolas Castelli on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicolas Castelli.