

## 2015-J2582

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Garrett Byrne upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Garrett Byrne, 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, June 20, 2015, at Plandome Village Hall, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Byrne is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 71, Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, A Scout since 2004, Garrett Byrne earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award; in 2009, crossed over to Troop 71, where he enjoyed numerous outdoor activities such as camping and cooking meals over the fire; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of two weeks in the summer of 2014, Garrett Byrne camped and hiked over 80 miles of mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico; throughout this momentous experience, he learned several skills such as survival, backpacking, shooting, and most importantly, leadership; and

WHEREAS, A student at St. Dominic High School, Garrett Byrne is a member of the National Honor Society, English National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society, as well as an Honorable Mention Delegate at Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Garrett Byrne is a participant of both the Winter and Spring Track Teams, and holds the position of co-Captain of the Cross Country Team; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Byrne is a member of the Plandome Fire Department, and has been selected to attend American Legion Boys' State in the summer of 2015; 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, Garrett Byrne cleaned up the Manhasset Bay using filter-feeding mussels which eat pollutants in the water; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Byrne'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 Garrett Byrne on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Garrett Byrne.