

## 2015-J3072

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Joseph David Gardner upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on August 23, 2015

WHEREAS, Joseph David Gardner, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday, August 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joseph David Gardner is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 825, and resides in New Haven, 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, joining Scouting at the age of eight, along with his twin brother, Justin, and has lived up to Scouting's ideals, attaining all of the necessary achievements, including completion of a community service project, which was successfully planned, developed and executed; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Joseph David Gardner coordinated the construction of eight bat houses for placement in State Parks; since bats eat thousands of insects a night, providing a secure habitat for

the bats may help prevent the spread of diseases like the potentially deadly Triple E Virus; and

WHEREAS, The perseverance of Joseph David Gardner 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 Joseph David Gardner on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph David Gardner.