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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Michael James Beskid upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, in May of 2016

WHEREAS, Michael James Beskid, 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 in May of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michael James Beskid, the son of Melissa and Eric Beskid, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 525, West Sand Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michael James Beskid has been a Boy Scout for the last eight years, rising through the ranks from Tiger to Eagle Scout; and WHEREAS, At the age of 15, Michael James Beskid is a proud member of the Order of the Arrow; 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, Michael James Beskid first designed and then built a pedestrian bridge which spans the Black Brook in the Robert P. Ingalls Nature Preserve in Stephentown, New York, for the benefit of the Rensselaer Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, The Black Brook is a trout stream which does not freeze in the winter and the bridge benefits the public by enabling access to the new trails on the far side; and

WHEREAS, Michael James Beskid'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 Michael James Beskid on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael James Beskid.