

## 2015-J3932

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Patrick Ekeren upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 13th, 2016

WHEREAS, Patrick Ekeren, 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, March 13th, 2016, at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Ekeren, the son of Mary Steinbugler and David Ekeren, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 110 of the Seneca Waterways Council; 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, Patrick Ekeren built a hiking shelter in Webster Park in Webster, New York, providing a place for hikers to get out of the sun or rain, as well as provide a place for them to rest; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Ekeren is a member of the "Order of the Arrow" National Honor Society, assists in building homes with the Flower City Habitat for Humanity and participates in research at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Department of Bioinformatics; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Ekeren'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 Patrick Ekeren on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Patrick Ekeren.