

## 2015-J4251

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher Mattinson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 2, 2016

WHEREAS, Christopher Mattinson, 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, April 2, 2016, at St. Joseph's Recreational Center, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mattinson, the son of Patrick and Mary Mattinson, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 300, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, A Scout since the age of six, Christopher Mattinson was a founding member of Troop 300 in 2009; as a vital participant, he has participated in many community service projects and activities including hiking, camping and canoeing; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Middletown High School, Christopher Mattinson is taking college level science courses; after graduation, he plans on attending SUNY Orange; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Christopher Mattinson is a member of the Marching Middies High School Band and the M'Lanie Hunter Dance Team; he also enjoys traveling and exploring new places; 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, Christopher Mattinson worked with volunteer coordinator Kory Reynolds at Pets Alive, a no-kill animal shelter, located in Middletown, New York; along with volunteers, he constructed three park benches and landscaped three bench sites for the Dog Walk Area; and

WHEREAS, After completing his project, Christopher Mattinson organized a Zumbathon at M'Lanie Hunter Dance in Chester, New York, to benefit Pets Alive; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mattinson'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 Christopher Mattinson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Mattinson.