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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Nicholas Michael Cathers upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 22, 2016

WHEREAS, Nicholas Michael Cathers, 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, May 22, 2016, at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post No. 1040 in Delmar, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Michael Cathers, the son of Michael Cathers and Carolyn Kearns, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 58, Twin Rivers Council in Elsmere, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since joining Troop 58 seven years ago, Nicholas Michael Cathers has earned the ranks of Patrol Leader, Guide, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Webmaster; his achievements also include 37 Merit Badges, Order of The Arrow and Venture Scout; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Nicholas Michael Cathers' journey in Scouting involved traveling to the Northern Tier, Sea Base and Philmont Ranch, and participating in annual canoe trips, the annual Klondike Derby and Scout Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, As a Senior attending Bethlehem High School in Delmar, New York, Nicholas Michael Cathers has been active in the Table Top Games Club, Aikido and outdoorsmanship as well as community service; he plans to explore business information systems in college at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, 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, 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, Nicholas Michael Cathers developed, organized and conducted interviews of a dozen area veterans on electronic media in order to collect and preserve their personal accounts of their military service; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Michael Cathers forwarded the interviews and supporting paperwork to the Library of Congress for "The Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center" where these first-hand accounts will be accessible to future generations to better understand the realities of war; and

WHEREAS, Locally, Nicholas Michael Cathers will be presenting the veterans' personal stories to American Legion Post No. 1040 and the local library where they will be available to local residents and student researchers; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Michael Cathers' 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 lead-

er, 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 Nicholas Michael Cathers on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas Michael Cathers.