

## 2015-J5179

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Zachary Paul Abrams upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on May 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Zachary Paul Abrams, 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, May 21, 2016, at the Miller Place High School, Miller Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Paul Abrams, the son of Margo and Paul S. Abrams, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 204, Miller Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Zachary Paul Abrams was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Gettysburg Heritage Trails Medal and the Boston Freedom Trail Medal; in addition, he earned his Totin' Chip and Fireman Chip; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Miller Place High School, Zachary Paul Abrams participates on the wrestling team and was voted Most Artistic in his class; after graduation, he plans on attending The University of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Foreign Language Honor Society, Zachary Paul Abrams takes several Advanced Placement courses including United States History and Economics, as well as College Forensics; 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, Zachary Paul Abrams first raised funds, and then designed and constructed five obstacles to be included in a dog agility course for the Kent Animal Shelter; the course was built as an area for not only training and exercise, but also to provide physical therapy for disabled dogs, and aids in the bonding process between prospective owners and the dogs; and

WHEREAS, Zachary Paul Abrams' 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 Zachary Paul Abrams on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zachary Paul Abrams.