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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Thomas Ippolito upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 5th, 2016

WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito, 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, June 5th, 2016, at First United Methodist Church in Newark, New York; and WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito, the son of Richard and Janette Ippolito, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 122, Newark, New York; and WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito, a senior at Newark High School, is an excellent student and is involved in several extracurricular activities; and WHEREAS, In sports, Thomas Ippolito has played football since seventh grade, and in 2015, he served as Varsity Team Captain; he has also been an intramural floor hockey Team Captain for three years; and WHEREAS, As a three year member of the Newark Middle School Science Club, Thomas Ippolito served as a high school intern; in addition, he was involved in the new high school Biology Club where he took part in a National Science Foundation sponsored gene annotation experiment through the University of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito has enlisted in the United States Navy following graduation and hopes to pursue a position as an air traffic controller; 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, Thomas Ippolito repainted the entranceway at First United Methodist Church in Newark, New York; the entranceway was in terrible disrepair and no one on the church committee could recall when it was last painted; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito was able to manage numerous volunteers and efficiently handle the project which was completed two days sooner than originally planned; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Ippolito'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 Thomas Ippolito on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Ippolito.