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Senate Resolution No. 698

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING John Valvo upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on February 7, 2017

WHEREAS, John Valvo, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Valvo is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 229, Tonawanda, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years in Scouting, 19-year-old John Valvo has provided leadership for his fellow Scouts, serving as patrol leader, instructor and assistant patrol leader; and

WHEREAS, Earning a total of 22 merit badges, John Valvo has participated in many campouts and High Adventure outings, including canoeing on the Clarion River, snowshoeing in the Adirondack Mountains, and several city trips; and

WHEREAS, John Valvo currently attends Erie Community College where he is studying criminal justice; 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, John Valvo cleaned and restored the main cabin at Nine Mile Island Youth Camp in Amherst, New York; after years of neglect, the cabin has been restored to a building that the camp can be proud of and serve the community for years to come; and

WHEREAS, John Valvo'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 John Valvo on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Valvo.