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Senate Resolution No. 1097

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Alexander Scott Gibson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 26, 2017

WHEREAS, Alexander Scott Gibson, 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, March 26, 2017, at the Watkins Glen Elks Lodge in Watkins Glen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Alexander S. Gibson, the son of Scott and Lisa Gibson, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 2674 in Watkins Glen, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious Scouting career, Alexander S. Gibson has held numerous leadership positions and has served as a role model for his fellow Scouts; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Watkins Glen High School, Alexander S. Gibson is an exceptional student, maintaining High Honor Roll status every period; after high school, he plans on studying engineering in college; and

WHEREAS, Alexander S. Gibson has served in various capacities in numerous school organizations including SADD, the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Homecoming Float Committee; and

WHEREAS, A young man of many interests and talents, Alexander S. Gibson plays soccer, basketball and golf and runs on the cross-country team; he is also a trumpet player in the high school band; and

WHEREAS, Alexander S. Gibson has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Clarkson University High School Leadership Award, the George Eastman Young Leaders Scholarship Award, and both the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University and the Ceramics Association of New York Award for outstanding academics and citizenship; 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, Alexander S. Gibson worked with community members and village officials to bring recognition to Gifford Park, a long forgotten landmark in Watkins Glens; he and a group of fellow Scouts built a bench and erected a sign informing the public of the wonders of the Park; they also installed a pea stone walkway and planted flowers to beautify the Park's landscape; and

WHEREAS, Alexander S. Gibson'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 Alexander Scott Gibson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alexander Scott Gibson.