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Senate Resolution No. 2251

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

CONGRATULATING Riley Clark upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 4, 2017

WHEREAS, Riley Clark, 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 4, 2017, at the Taghkanic Firehouse in Taghkanic, New York; and

WHEREAS, Riley Clark is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 752; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Taconic Hills High School, Riley Clark is studying automotive technology at Questar III in Hudson, 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, At the young age of 16, Riley Clark joined the Taghkanic Fire Company as a junior firefighter; he participates in drills with the firefighters, attends meetings and responds to calls to perform in certain supportive tasks; and

WHEREAS, For his project, Riley Clark replaced the damaged flag pole at the Taghkanic Fire Company; after gaining approval, he raised funds to buy a commercial grade 30 foot pole, an American flag and a firematic flag, and a solar powered LED light to illuminate it at night, as well as white stones to embellish the base; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Riley Clark secured a donation from a local concrete company for four yards of concrete for the base of the pole; on two Saturdays, he and his fellow firefighters installed the new flag pole; and

WHEREAS, Riley Clark'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 Riley Clark on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Riley Clark.