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Senate Resolution No. 2283

BY: Senator AVELLA

CONGRATULATING Paul Califano upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Paul Califano, 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 June 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Paul Califano is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 235, Whitestone, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man joined scouting when he was six years old, and earned the Arrow of Light Award as a Cub Scout; he has been an active member of Boy Scouts, serving in various leadership positions including Assistant Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, A senior at St. Francis Preparatory High School, Paul Califano has spent countless hours volunteering for the St. Francis campus ministry; he also spent a week in Chile, giving of his time and energies to the local poor; 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, Paul Califano organized a collection for the veteran organization, Boots on the Ground; and

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

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