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Senate Resolution No. 2958

BY: Senator LAVALLE

CONGRATULATING Ryan Cotto upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on August 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Ryan Cotto, 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, August 20, 2017, at VFW Victory Post 414 in Center Moriches, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Cotto is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 414, Center Moriches, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at William Floyd High School, Ryan Cotto has worked hard to be in the top four percent of his class; he is an All-State French Hornist and has traveled to Europe on the American Music Abroad Freedom Tour; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ryan Cotto is President of the William Floyd High School Wind Symphony, Vice President in the Tri-M Honor Society and Secretary of the William Floyd High School Mixed Choir; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Cotto plans on majoring in Mathematics with a focus on Actuarial Science at Binghamton University; 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, Ryan Cotto financed and constructed a planter box next to the entrance ramp for the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Cotto'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 Ryan Cotto on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Cotto.