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Senate Resolution No. 3427

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Joshua Koff upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on January 20, 2018

WHEREAS, Joshua Koff, 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 Saturday, January 20, 2018, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Warwick, New York; and

WHEREAS, The son of Bob and Cheryl Koff, Joshua Koff is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, Warwick, New York; and

WHEREAS, A student at Warwick Valley Senior High School, Joshua Koff is a member of the National Honor Society and Warwick Mock Trial; he also serves as President of Youth in Government, Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America, Vice President of Legacy Club, and an inaugural member of Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Koff also attended the 2015 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington DC, and is the proud recipient of the Superintendent's Award for Community Service; 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, Joshua Koff renovated and beautified a concrete stand and podium located in Warwick Cemetery; the platform and podium are used annually by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign War, and the Town of Warwick for Memorial Day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Warwick is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Koff'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 Joshua Koff on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joshua Koff.