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Senate Resolution No. 3467

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Griffin Bates upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on August 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Griffin Bates, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on August 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Griffin Bates is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 59; 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 four 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, Griffin Bates preserved, archived and displayed the original letters pertaining to Colonel Charles Williamson who was the land agent for the Settlement of Bath and Western New York; the mission of his vital task was to teach the public about the letters through his traveling display case; furthermore, he scanned copies of the letters, which are now accessible on a website, for anyone to view; and

WHEREAS, Griffin Bates'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 Griffin Bates on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Griffin Bates.