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Assembly Resolution No. 874

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CONGRATULATING Nicolas Joel Westerhoff upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on March 10, 2018

WHEREAS, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff, 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, March 10, 2018, at the United Hamptons Methodist Church in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 58 in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ever since he was a young child, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff has enjoyed helping others; he is a vital member of the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group, and serves as President of the Southampton High School Patriot Club; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff was also a participant of the Southampton Fire Department Juniors, and belonged to the Southampton High School Rotary Interact Club where he helped raise funds to sponsor a student's education in a third world country; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff plans to study biochemistry at Boston University in the hopes of becoming a pediatrician; 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, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff and a group of volunteers constructed a new bulletin board, 10 squirrel houses, and red bird perches at the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Refuge Center in Hampton

Bays, New York; the Refuge Center cares for injured animals until they are well enough to be released back into the wild; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas Joel Westerhoff'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 Nicolas Joel Westerhoff on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicolas Joel Westerhoff.