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Senate Resolution No. 4286

BY: Senator KENNEDY

CONGRATULATING Jeffrey McMillan upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Jeffrey McMillan, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey McMillan is a member of St. Martin de Porres' Troop 139 in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, A junior at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, Jeffrey McMillan plays several instruments including the drums, bass guitar, alto saxophone and piano; he is a member of his school's wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, marching band and pep band; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Jeffrey McMillan plans to study either audio production engineering or mechanical engineering at college; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey McMillan also belongs to the Great Lakes Youth Program and sings in its youth choir at the Humboldt Parkway Baptist Church in Buffalo; 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 three-part project, Jeffrey McMillan assisted the refugee population in the city of Buffalo; he first organized a clothing drive to collect men's apparel and winter clothing for men, women and children, and then hosted a children's game night; finally, he donated funds to Vive la Casa's Child Education Program which trains parents to assist their children between the ages of two through five to learn their letters, sounds, colors, numbers and shapes; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey McMillan'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 Jeffrey McMillan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeffrey McMillan.