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Senate Resolution No. 5167

BY: Senator LAVALLE

CONGRATULATING James Kern upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 10, 2018

WHEREAS, James Kern, 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, June 10, 2018, at VFW Victory Post 414 in Center Moriches, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Kern is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 414 in Center Moriches, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since the young age of 14, James Kern has been employed by the Westhampton Country Club; he worked his way up from a bus boy to a food runner; and

WHEREAS, James Kern graduated from Center Moriches High School where he was an active member of the volleyball team for three years; he took several college classes including Criminal Justice, Psychology, Algebra, First Aid and CPR; and

WHEREAS, Currently, James Kern is a student at Suffolk Community College where he is majoring in liberal arts; after two years, he plans

to transfer to another school to study both criminal justice and business; his long-term goal is to serve as a police officer for 25 years, and then retire to become an accountant; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at school or working, he enjoys staying active by going to the gym, playing basketball or spending time on the beach; 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, James Kern raised the necessary funds and then built a bench and planter combination set for the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park on the Montauk Highway in East Moriches, New York;

and

WHEREAS, James Kern'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 James Kern on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Kern.