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Senate Resolution No. 5381

BY: Senator PHILLIPS

CONGRATULATING Ryan Hughes Watson upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 10, 2018

WHEREAS, Ryan Hughes Watson, 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 Plandome Village Hall in Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hughes Watson is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 71 in Plandome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his Scouting career, Ryan Hughes Watson has served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Librarian, Quartermaster, Senior Patrol Leader at Ten Mile River Summer Camp, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Manhasset High School, Ryan Hughes Watson is a member of numerous academic clubs including the Exemplars and the Math, Science, Spanish, Social Studies and National Honor Societies; he has been designated a National Merit Commended Scholar, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and the Outstanding Physicist Student of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hughes Watson is very active in science research and has earned high honors at the LI Science Congress; and

WHEREAS, An exceptional athlete, Ryan Hughes Watson has been the Captain of the Manhasset Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track teams and has received 12 varsity letters; he has run in three national championships and five state championships and has been designated as All Eastern States, All Long Island and All Nassau County for track and cross country and was the recipient of the Nassau County Coaches Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hughes Watson spent the past summer completing a nine-week internship studying lupus under the mentorship of Dr. Diamond at the Feinstein Medical Institute as a Summer Research Scholar; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Ryan Hughes Watson plans to run on both the cross country and track teams for Williams College; 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, Ryan Hughes Watson's project benefitted the Science Museum of Long Island; he cleared the dense vegetation and weeds along the museum entrance road to expose the 500-foot stone wall; once completed, he bagged and carted away truckloads of unwanted debris; 32 Scouts, adults, friends and family donated many hours of their time to help him achieve his goal; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hughes Watson'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 Ryan Hughes Watson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Hughes Watson.