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Senate Resolution No. 5441

BY: Senator AVELLA

CONGRATULATING John Douveas upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on November 10, 2018

WHEREAS, John Douveas, 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, November 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John Douveas is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 268, Flushing, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 15 year-old Freshman at Francis Lewis High School, John Douveas is a member of both the Varsity Wrestling Team and Varsity Volleyball Team; he also serves as a Freshman Representative in the Student Government Organization; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2017, this extraordinary young man earned a first degree Black Belt in Taekwondo after 8 years of training; and

WHEREAS, John Douveas began participating in the scouting program as a 6-year-old Tiger cub at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing, New York; after completing the requirements of the program and

achieving the Arrow of Light distinction, he crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 268 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, As a Boy Scout, John Douveas has helped teach the younger scouts in the troop survival skills as well as leadership and communication skills; he has also served as patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and scribe; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, John Douveas gives of his time and energies to the annual St. Nicholas Church Festival and as a volunteer office assistant with St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Sunday school program; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has participated in countless local beautification projects and blood drives; 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, John Douveas organized several book drives and collected more than 3,000 books for The Book Fairies, a not-for-profit organization which collects reading materials for students in need throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Flushing, New York, is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, John Douveas' 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 John Douveas on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Douveas.