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Senate Resolution No. 5811

BY: Senator COMRIE

CONGRATULATING Kwasi Hawthorne upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on June 16, 2018

WHEREAS, Kwasi Hawthorne, 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, June 16, 2018, at Uniondale High School, Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kwasi Hawthorne is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 300, Hempstead, New York, where he currently serves as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man has been a member of Troop 300 since transferring from a neighboring troop in 2015; he has successfully completed 22 merit badges and attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Kirarahama, Yamaguchi, Japan; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Uniondale High School, Kwasi Hawthorne earned an 86.32 GPA and is in the top 25 percent of his class; he is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Key Club, Teachers of Tomorrow, and the Varsity Swimming and Diving Team; and

WHEREAS, Kwasi Hawthorne plays the sousaphone and other low brass instruments for the school's marching band, and is a member of the nationally acclaimed Uniondale High School Rhythm of the Knight Show Choir; 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, Kwasi Hawthorne created a perennial garden with a bolder and two park benches at Eisenhower Memorial Park in East Meadow, New York; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to the safety and well-being of the citizens

of East Meadow, New York, is represented through his project and demonstrates his devotion to both community and commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, As he goes forward in his academic career, Kwasi Hawthorne plans on attending SUNY Old Westbury, while continuing the ideals and principles of the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Kwasi Hawthorne'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 Kwasi Hawthorne on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kwasi Hawthorne.