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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jared Downing upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on October 14, 2012

WHEREAS, Jared Downing, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at the Methodist Church in Hannibal, New York; and WHEREAS, Jared Downing is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 780; 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 Eagle project, Jared Downing repaired stairs and performed landscaping work, including the removal of a large pine tree and several overgrown bushes, to benefit the buildings near the Hannibal United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his Eagle Scout service project, Jared Downing has earned numerous service badges; and

WHEREAS, Jared Downing'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 Jared Downing on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jared Downing.