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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Joshua K. Parker upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on September 16, 2012

WHEREAS, Joshua K. Parker, 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, September 16, 2012, at his home in Farmington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Joshua K. Parker is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 50, Farmington, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man serves as his Troop's Senior Patrol Leader and is a graduate of Boy Scouts Association's National Youth Leadership Training; currently, he is a freshman at Victor High School and is a member of its football team, as well as a musician and an honors student; 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, Joshua K. Parker's project benefited The Green Angels, a non-profit organization which recycles gently used items for children and families in need in Wayne County at no cost to the recipients; and

WHEREAS, Joshua K. Parker organized the building of eight attractive

donation boxes and developed a more efficient way to collect winter coats and winter gear such as hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and snow pants for this worthy organization; and

WHEREAS, The Green Angels received over 500 coats and hundreds of winter gear items for their 2011 Free Cycle held annually in Palmyra, New York; by mid January, all 500 coats were distributed to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Joshua K. Parker'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 Joshua K. Parker on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joshua K. Parker.