

## 2013-J224

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Benjamin Baker upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on October 8, 2012

WHEREAS, Benjamin Baker, 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 at the Phelps American Legion on Monday, October 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Baker, the son of Mary Regina Buisch and Matthew Buisch, is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 46; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Baker was a Boy's State delegate and Honor Society member; in addition, he has been the recipient of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Dean's scholarship, a Phelps Lion's Club scholarship, a Scholar Athlete Award, the American Legion Post 457 scholarship, the Hands of Christ Award, and an AP Scholar Award; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Benjamin Baker volunteered for the Phelps Lion's Club, the Phelps Community Food Cupboard, the Finger Lakes Council on Alcoholism, St. Francis Church in Phelps, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 457; 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, Benjamin Baker installed a brick sidewalk in the Pioneer cemetery in Phelps, New York; the sidewalk runs from the gate near the street to the flagpole at the center of the cemetery; the sidewalk includes a circular bricked area around the flagpole; and WHEREAS, This vital project was completed for the Town of Phelps as well as the members of the American Legion who utilize the sidewalk from the street to the flagpole to lay a wreath during the Memorial Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Baker'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 Benjamin Baker on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin Baker.