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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Christopher Martin Gavin upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Christopher Martin Gavin, through his diligence and rigorous efforts, has achieved Scouting's highest and most prestigious rank, Eagle Scout; he will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony to be held on April 12, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martin Gavin is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 45 in Mineola and has served the Troop in many capacities; 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, Christopher Martin Gavin made and distributed 150 care packages, shoebox sized boxes filled with toiletries, for homeless veterans on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, To acquire the materials to build and fill the kits, Christopher Martin Gavin hosted a benefit concert at Mineola High School; he auditioned all 16 acts for the show, organized the show, served as the Master of Ceremonies and performed in several of the groups as well; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his hard work, the concert provided the major-

ity of the funds needed which he supplemented with donations collected after he spoke at the 2012 Mineola Memorial Day Parade and a contribution from the New Hyde Park Runners Club; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martin Gavin was able to fill each box with deodorant, shaving supplies, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a roll of toilet paper, a pair of socks and other products; and

WHEREAS, With the assistance of Christopher Martin Gavin's fellow Scouts, 75 packages for males and 75 packages for females were constructed, packed and distributed and, though prepared and given to the veterans in appreciation of their service to their country, each of the veteran recipients expressed their gratitude for the gift boxes and their contents; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Martin Gavin'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 Christopher Martin Gavin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Martin Gavin.