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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Andrew John Pappalardo upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors

WHEREAS, Andrew John Pappalardo, 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 Saturday, June 1, 2013 at St. Augustine's School in Ossining, New York; and

WHEREAS, Andrew John Pappalardo is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 49 in Ossining 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, Andrew John Pappalardo worked with Westchester Parks and Recreation to create a wooden bridge that crossed over a stream at Graham Hills Park on Route 117 in Pleasantville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The existing bridge on a very busy mountain bike trail was decrepit and dangerous to cross; Andrew John Pappalardo directed the building of a bridge wide enough and strong enough to hold the weight of an All-Terrain Vehicle so that if there was a critical injury on the

trails, an ATV could cross over the stream and travel deep into the trails to provide medical attention and safely transport a victim out of the wooded trails; and

WHEREAS, Andrew John Pappalardo's project required a great deal of planning and the seeking and gathering of donations for the lumber and other materials and his team had to hand carry all the wood, tools, a portable generator, and the dry concrete mix for the bridge's footings into the park; and

WHEREAS, The bridge was a huge success and is being enjoyed and appreciated by all those using the mountain bike trail; and

WHEREAS, Andrew John Pappalardo'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 Andrew John Pappalardo on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew John Pappalardo.