

## 2013-J973

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Evan Bates upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 13, 2013

WHEREAS, Evan Bates, 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 April 13, 2013, at St.

Paul's United Methodist Church, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Evan Bates is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 1 of the Hudson Valley Council, in Otisville, New York; 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, Evan Bates renovated and redesigned the Wallkill Rotary sign on Route 211 in East Middletown, New York; he refurbished the sign itself and cleared debris from its immediate surrounding area, rendering the sign more visible to the citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, A loyal Scout since his days as a Tiger Cub, Evan Bates is engaged with his community in other aspects as well; he is on the track team at Minisink Valley High School and serves his church in various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Evan Bates'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 Evan Bates on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Evan Bates.