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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Geoffrey T. Gallagher upon the occasion of receiving the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, the most prestigious of Scouting honors, on April 13, 2013

WHEREAS, Geoffrey T. Gallagher, 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 Saturday, April 13, 2013, at St. Barnabas Church, Bellmore, New York; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey T. Gallagher is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 285, in Bellmore, 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, beginning in the Cub Scouts where he earned the highest honor in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light award; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey T. Gallagher 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, Geoffrey T. Gallagher organized, raised funds for, and led an effort to make improvements to Newbridge Road Park in Bellmore; he and a group of volunteers replaced the landscaping at the park's entrance, put down new mulch, stained a cluster of park benches and installed a new birdbath; and

WHEREAS, In enhancing Newbridge Road Park, Geoffrey T. Gallagher

enhanced the entire Bellmore community; and

WHEREAS, Geoffrey T. Gallagher'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 Geoffrey T. Gallagher on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Geoffrey T. Gallagher.