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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO JOHN COTTER ON EARNING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Life Scout John Cotter of Queen of All Saints Basilica's Boy Scout Troop 626 has passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review earning him the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest achievement; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this special occasion by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, As John's Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, he cut down over one-hundred-fifty Buckthorn Trees at the North Park Village Nature Center and used them as a nature screen. He supervised the selection, marking, trimming and installation of the Buckthorn as a screen at the Nature Center's preserve. The Buckthorn Trees were then placed along the southeast corner of the North Park Village parking lot, creating a nature screen that is one-hundred-twenty-six feet long, giving the illusion that the park is bigger than it actually is; and

WHEREAS, Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is achieved by only two percent of boys who enroll in the scouting program. In order to become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn twenty-one merit badges in addition to completing several community service projects; and

WHEREAS, John has completed all the requirements and has been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, certifying his worthiness for Scouting's highest distinction; and

WHEREAS, Many Eagle Scouts have grown up to become great leaders in diverse endeavors such as Astronaut Neil Armstrong, former United States President Gerald R. Ford, former United States Senator William Bradley, former major league baseball player Albert Belle and Chief Executive Officer of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Bill Gates, Sr.; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-sixth day of November 2013, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to John Cotter on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and wish him every success in any and all of his future endeavors; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to John Cotter.

MARGARET LAURINO Alderman, 39th Ward

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