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Proclamation recognizing *Katy Appleman* upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award and congratulating her for being the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council.

WHEREAS, *Katy Appleman*, a senior at Shady Side Academy, became the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council; and

WHEREAS, during her sophomore year of high school, *Katy* joined Scouts BSA; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Scouts BSA's program has elevated *Katy's* fascination with wilderness skills, deepened her understanding of what it means to be a citizen, and introduced her to a community of welcoming people from a variety of backgrounds, who share an appreciation for the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, *Katy* is passionate about Scout BSA's strong and supportive community, as well as, the rare learning environment. Scout BSA has equipped *Katy* with tools to further her passions, make new connections, and positively shape her character and community in several ways; and

WHEREAS, one of the ways Scouts BSA has benefited *Katy* is equipping her with leadership skills. For two terms, *Katy* was elected to Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) of her troop. She worked side-by-side with other sister troop's SPL to plan meetings and brainstorm activities to keep scouts engaged during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, *Katy* and other SPLs worked to teach different merit badges over zoom meetings, along with organizing two separate virtual merit badge universities, resulting in record-breaking numbers of merit badges earned in either troop; and

WHEREAS, summer 2021, *Katy* completed her Eagle Project where she organized the removal of Japanese Barberry, a harmful non-native invasive species, in a square acre of land in North Park, where it had become significantly overgrown; and

WHEREAS, *Katy's* project allowed her to practice planning, organizing, and the necessary communication skills which are required for these types of service projects; and

WHEREAS, through *Katy's* experience in scouting, she was able to prepare and plan a project to benefit the ecosystem in PA waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny Council Member Anita Prizio, do hereby commend and recognize *Katy Appleman* upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award, and congratulate her for being the first female eagle scout in the Laurel Highlands council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of December 2021.