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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DEREK JAMES FRENCH UPON ACHIEVING
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Reilly, Edwards, McNamara, and Nunes

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has a long and impressive history of preparing
2 young men to assume responsibility in their communities. The Boy Scouts is one of the largest
3 youth organizations in the United States. The rank of Eagle Scout, which was first introduced in
4 1911, is the highest a young man can attain in the Boy Scouts, and the title of Eagle Scout is held
5 for life; and

6 WHEREAS, Derek James French is a remarkable young man worthy of this prestigious
7 achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

8 WHEREAS, Derek has distinguished himself through his continued performance of
9 active service in Scouting. He has learned important lifelong skills and values while earning
10 numerous merit badges and serving in several leadership positions; and

11 WHEREAS, Derek James French of Troop 8, Cranston, Rhode Island, has completed the
12 arduous and demanding requirements necessary to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. As the
13 highlight of his scouting years and to complete the final step toward obtaining the rank of Eagle,
14 Derek planned, developed, and carried out an extensive Eagle Scout service project, which
15 consisted of organizing a collection drive for Saint Mary's Home for Children, an organization
16 that provides safe homes for displaced children. Derek placed collection boxes at locations
17 within the city, such as Walgreens and local libraries, and collected a variety of items. Derek
18 devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the benefit
19 of the organization; and

1 WHEREAS, Derek also finds the time and energy to be an exemplary student. His love
2 of wrestling has involved him in several wrestling teams during his school years; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently a senior at Cranston High School West, Derek is a National
4 Honor Society Inductee. After graduation, Derek plans to attend Salve Regina University to
5 pursue a degree in nursing and his dream of becoming a United States Navy Seal Medic; and

6 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
7 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Eagle Scout Derek James French
8 exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be and all that we hope our children will grow to
9 be; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby honors Derek James French for all he has done to attain the rank of
12 Eagle within the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this House hereby extends its deepest appreciation to Derek for his
14 untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication
15 by which the youth of this great state may follow. We send our very best wishes to Derek James
16 French and wish him good health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Derek James French.

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