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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THOMAS DECESARE ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT**

Introduced By: Senators Shibley, Hodgson, and Maher

Date Introduced: January 03, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Not every boy, nor even every Scout, qualifies for the high rank of Eagle.  
2 Strenuous physical hurdles, high mental requirements, strong personal character, indomitable  
3 spirit, and a commitment to community service are a rare combination of qualities and  
4 achievements to find in one person. Thomas DeCesare is just such an extraordinary young man,  
5 and his accomplishments are truly worthy and deserving of our recognition and praise; and

6           WHEREAS, Thomas is a member of Troop 1, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Using his  
7 skills and abilities for the common good, he has earned numerous merit badges and has held  
8 several leadership positions, including Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader,  
9 and Chaplain's Aid, and has served as an Order of Arrow Representative. He also received the  
10 distinguished 50 mile award as part of his adventure to Philmont; and

11           WHEREAS, Thomas, a true outdoorsman, attended all three high adventure camps:  
12 Philmont in New Mexico, Allagash in Maine, and the Florida Sea Base. He particularly enjoyed  
13 the two trips he took as part of his Allagash experience; and

14           WHEREAS, His concern for the large quantity of abandoned debris in Narragansett Bay  
15 and his understanding of the Bay and Atlantic Ocean helped Thomas choose an Eagle Project.  
16 His Eagle service project consisted of locating an abandoned and derelict 90-foot dock that had  
17 washed up on the beach at Goddard State Park. He decided to clean up the beach, which involved  
18 dismantling, sorting, transporting, and disposing of the dock. The debris was not only unsightly,  
19 but dangerous to the public. Thomas devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy

1 carrying out his project for the benefit and enjoyment of the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Thomas is continuing his education by pursuing a Pharmacists degree at the  
3 University of New England in Biddeford, Maine; and

4 WHEREAS, Thomas DeCesare upholds the dignity and virtue of a true Eagle, and has  
5 proven himself to be worthy of trust and a truly dynamic leader; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby honors Thomas DeCesare on attaining the rank of Eagle. Convinced that Thomas's  
8 distinguished career in Scouting will prepare him for a life replete with accomplishments and  
9 success, we are certain that he will continue to dedicate a large part of that life to the service of  
10 others. We encourage him to grow, mature, and continue to be the kind of determined and  
11 dedicated young man America needs; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Thomas DeCesare.

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