

2012 -- S 2010

=====  
LC00023  
=====

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

---

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ROBERT CARLSON UPON ACHIEVING  
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, 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, Earning an Eagle Scout badge is the pinnacle of achievement within the Boy  
2 Scouts of America. It is an exceptional distinction achieved by fewer than five percent of all the  
3 young men who enter scouting; and

4           WHEREAS, Robert Carlson is a remarkable young man worthy of this prestigious  
5 achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Robert's scouting journey culminated on February 28, 2011, when he  
7 earned the rank of Eagle. During his journey, he amassed special awards, including Order of the  
8 Arrow, and spent a week at White Stag Leadership Training. He also participated in the Maine  
9 High Adventure Allagash Canoe Trip and the Florida Base Trip; and

10           WHEREAS, Robert began his scouting career in 1999 as a Cub Scout and advanced  
11 through the ranks, ultimately earning the highest award, the Arrow of Light. He continued on to  
12 Boy Scouts, joining Troop 1, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, in April, 2004; and

13           WHEREAS, Learning important lifelong skills and values, Robert earned twenty-eight  
14 merit badges, seven more than the required twenty-one, in addition to serving in several  
15 leadership positions, including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide,  
16 Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; and

17           WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting years and to complete the final step toward  
18 obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Robert Carlson planned, developed, and carried out an  
19 extensive Eagle Scout service project. He organized a personal hygiene product drive to benefit

1 Crossroads Rhode Island located in Providence, in which he and his fellow scouts distributed  
2 collection boxes to local schools, businesses, and public offices, and sent out flyers for the project  
3 on school email list servers. Robert and his team of scouts from Troop 1 collected the donated  
4 items, sorted through them, and made boxes to deliver to Crossroads. The sheer number of items  
5 collected overwhelmed the shelter; and

6 WHEREAS, Graduating in June 2011 from East Greenwich High School, Robert was an  
7 active member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. He was a member of the  
8 volleyball and cross country teams, as well as the Avenger Band, which marched in the Inaugural  
9 Parade of President Barack Obama in January of 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Taking the summer off to work on the Block Island Ferry, Eagle Scout  
11 Robert Carlson is now attending Northeastern University and pursuing a degree as a mechanical  
12 engineer; and

13 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to  
14 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Robert Carlson exemplifies everything an  
15 Eagle Scout should be and all that we hope our children will grow to be; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby honors Robert Carlson for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle within the Boy  
18 Scouts of America; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate extends our deepest appreciation to Robert Carlson for his  
20 untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication  
21 by which youth of this great state may follow. We proffer our very best wishes for good health  
22 and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Robert Carlson.

=====  
LC00023  
=====