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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING BEN CAPUANO UPON AHCIEVING SCOUTING'S
MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Introduced By: Senators Hodgson, Maher, Shibley, and Kettle

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Earning an Eagle Scout Badge is the pinnacle of achievement within the
2 Boy Scouts of America. It is an exceptional distinction achieved by fewer than five percent of all
3 the young men who enter scouting; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Learning important lifelong skills and values, Ben earned the required merit
7 badges and served in leadership positions within Troop 2, East Greenwich, including Troop
8 Instructor, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

9 WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting years and to complete the final step toward
10 obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Ben Capuano planned and carried out an extensive Eagle Scout
11 service project. Ben and his fellow scouts built shelves for the Providence In-Town Church
12 (PICA), an organization serving 71,000 Rhode Islanders in need. This project provided PICA
13 with more space to organize and store food, which has enhanced distribution. Ben and fellow
14 scouts devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the
15 benefit of the community and State; and

16 WHEREAS, Ben's scouting career has been one of the greatest experiences of his life.
17 Shortly after joining Boy Scout Troop 2, East Greenwich, in April of 2007, he participated in
18 several camping events, including Yawgoog, West Point, New York, and the ultimate 2010
19 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, during the 100th anniversary celebration

1 of the Boy Scouts of America. His term as Senior Patrol Leader has ended and he has joined
2 Venture Crew 2, which is a group of older scouts, independent from the troop. In February, 2012,
3 Ben and seven other scouts will be traveling to the Dominican Republic. The scouts will stay with
4 Dominican host families, experiencing the culture and speaking nothing but Spanish. Not
5 stopping there, Ben will spend two weeks in Cimarron, New Mexico, at the Philmont Ranch,
6 participating on a two-week backpacking trip in the backwoods; and

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island extends our deepest
14 appreciation to Ben Capuano for his untiring service to the community and for setting a high
15 standard of commitment and dedication by which youth of this great state may follow. We proffer
16 our very best wishes for good health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Ben Capuano.

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