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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THOMAS ALEXANDER SMITH UPON  
ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

Introduced By: Representative Karen L. MacBeth

Date Introduced: June 04, 2013

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 of America is one of  
3 the largest youth organizations in the United States. The rank of Eagle Scout, which was first  
4 introduced in 1911, is the highest a young man can attain in the Boy Scouts, and the title of Eagle  
5 Scout is held for life; and

6           WHEREAS, Thomas Alexander Smith is a remarkable young man worthy of this  
7 prestigious achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

8           WHEREAS, Thomas has distinguished himself through his continued performance of  
9 active service in Scouting. He has demonstrated strong leadership abilities by serving as Troop  
10 Librarian, Troop Instructor, and Patrol Leader. He has exhibited a strong sense of duty, honor,  
11 and patriotism, making him a clear example of the best qualities of American youth; and

12           WHEREAS, Thomas Alexander Smith of Troop 1, Arnold Mills, Rhode Island, has  
13 completed the arduous and demanding requirements necessary to be awarded the rank of Eagle  
14 Scout. He has earned twenty-six merit badges, as well as the National Outdoor Award for  
15 Camping with Gold Segment, and the World Conservation Award. As the highlight of his  
16 scouting years and to complete the final step toward obtaining the rank of Eagle, Thomas  
17 planned, developed, and carried out an extensive Eagle Scout service project. His Eagle Project  
18 was to restore a historic section of the Old Diamond Hill Cemetery located in Cumberland, Rhode  
19 Island. His project included the relocation of a six-foot section of stone wall to create an

1 accessible entrance, the removal of several bushes and overgrowth, and the clean-up of general  
2 debris and fallen limbs. Tom was also asked to install a thirty-six by forty-eight foot boundary  
3 fence around the perimeter. Funds for the project were donated by family and friends and services  
4 were discounted by a local hardware store. Thomas, fellow scouts, and countless volunteers  
5 devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the benefit  
6 of the community; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas also finds the time and energy to be an exemplary student. His love  
8 for filmmaking has involved him in an array of school projects. He is also a member of the  
9 Lacrosse Team at school; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently a senior at Cumberland High School, Thomas plans to attend  
11 college after graduation and study either film production or script writing; and

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That this House hereby extends our deepest appreciation to Thomas for his  
20 untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication  
21 by which the youth of this great state may follow. We send our very best wishes to Thomas  
22 Alexander Smith and wish him good health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be  
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
25 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Thomas Alexander Smith.

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