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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MORGAN C. SMITH ON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S
MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, McLaughlin, Phillips, Ackerman, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: March 19, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In a society that grows increasingly fragmented, and too often tempts its
2 youth to selfish and unwise decisions, it is a special young man who chooses to dedicate himself
3 to the service of others by practicing the noble ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law; and

4 WHEREAS, In spite of peer pressure and other influences, there are those teenagers who
5 rise above the rest. Morgan Smith is just such a first-rate youth, and his accomplishments are
6 truly deserving of our recognition; and

7 WHEREAS, Morgan is a member of Troop 1, Arnolds Mills. Using his skills and
8 abilities for the common good, he has earned thirty-eight Merit badges, seventeen more than the
9 twenty-one required for the rank of Eagle. In addition, he is a member of the Boy Scout Order of
10 the Arrow; and

11 WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting career, Morgan took on the challenge of
12 rehabilitating the hiking and nature trails at the New Dawn Earth Center for his Eagle Scout
13 Project. He devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy redirecting water flow on a
14 rutted and particularly dangerous portion of the trail; and

15 WHEREAS, Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout requires considerable perseverance and is
16 considered to be the pinnacle of achievement within the Boys Scouts of America. This significant
17 achievement is a landmark attained by only seven percent of all the young men who enter
18 scouting. Morgan upholds the dignity and virtue of a true Eagle and has proven himself to be
19 worthy of trust and a truly dynamic leader; and

1 WHEREAS, In the fall, Morgan will be attending the University of Hartford where he
2 plans to study Aeronautical Engineering; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth, and to
4 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Morgan Smith is a remarkable young man
5 who exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be, and all that we hope our children will
6 grow to be; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby honors Morgan Smith with pride and deep appreciation for his
9 many outstanding accomplishments. We encourage him to grow, mature and continue to be the
10 kind of determined and dedicated young man America needs; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Morgan Smith.

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