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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING ARTHUR KEEGAN FOR 76 YEARS OF INSPIRED SERVICE TO THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND CONGRATULATING HIM FOR RECEIVING THE "GOOD
SCOUT AWARD"**

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Phillips, Casey, Bennett, and Guthrie

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Arthur Keegan began his distinguished scouting career at the age of 12
2 when he joined the Boy Scouts of America. His youthful love for all things scouting turned into a
3 lifetime commitment as he has served the Boy Scouts of America with loving devotion and
4 energetic exuberance for the past 76 years. For his outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of
5 America, Mr. Keegan will receive the "Good Scout Award"; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Keegan served as a scout for more than six years. While most young
7 folks tend to end their scouting careers when they turn 18, for Arthur his adventures in the
8 wonderful world of scouting had just begun. He went on to serve in numerous leadership
9 positions at the district level, as a committee member, as vice chairman, chairman, unit
10 commissioner, assistant district commissioner, and as district commissioner. He later served as
11 the Health and Safety Committee Chairman at the council level, as the Activities Committee
12 Chairman, and as the Assistant Council Commissioner and the Council Commissioner; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Keegan says that the highlight of his scouting career was his
14 involvement with numerous national scout jamborees. He worked at twelve jamborees from his
15 first national jamboree in 1953, in California, to the most recent jamboree he attended in West
16 Virginia; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Keegan's father passed away in 1942, when Arthur was just 16 years
18 old, and he was forced to leave school and become the primary provider for his family. To
19 support his family he worked at various jobs including being a florist, a bartender and working in

1 an ice cream parlor. Despite the hardships he endured, he always worked hard and impressed his
2 superiors. He eventually attained a job working for an electric company and began working his
3 way up the ladder; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Keegan went on to earn his high school equivalency and attended the
5 New England School of Technology to study air conditioning and refrigeration. He later attended
6 the University of Rhode Island at night and attained a bachelor's degree in business
7 administration. He also went on to become a certified protection professional and graduated from
8 the Defense Industrial Security Institute in Richmond, Virginia; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Keegan also served the Red Cross as a volunteer for more than fifty
10 years, serving as a first-aid instructor and in numerous other positions within that organization.
11 He also received numerous awards and honors throughout his life including the Silver Beaver
12 Award, the Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year Award, the District Award of Merit, the Silver
13 Antelope Award, the Saint George Emblem, the Ad Altari Dei Medal, the Scouters Key, the
14 Wood Badge, the American Red Cross Clara Barton Award, and the Shofar Award from the
15 National Jewish Committee. He was married to the late Mary Keegan, and has two children,
16 Arthur Keegan Jr., and Eleanor Pierannunzi; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby honors Arthur Keegan for his 76 years of inspired service to the
19 Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him for receiving the "Good Scout Award"; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Arthur Keegan.

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