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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

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ALEXIS JOSEPH COURNOYER UPON
ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Morrison, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 07, 2012

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 term "Boy Scout" is used to
3 describe someone who is earnest and honest, or who helps others cheerfully; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Alexis Cournoyer is a remarkable young man worthy of this prestigious
8 achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

9 WHEREAS, Alexis has distinguished himself through his continued performance of
10 active service in Scouting. He has demonstrated strong leadership abilities by serving in several
11 positions. He is also a member of the brotherhood of the BSA Honor Society, Order of the
12 Arrow, and a BSA certified lifeguard. He has exhibited a strong sense of duty, honor, and
13 patriotism, making him a clear example of the best qualities of American youth; and

14 WHEREAS, Alexis Joseph Cournoyer of Troop 1, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, has
15 completed the arduous and demanding requirements necessary to be awarded the rank of Eagle
16 Scout. As the highlight of his scouting years and to complete the final step toward obtaining the
17 rank of Eagle, Alexis planned, developed, and carried out an extensive Eagle Scout service
18 project. His Eagle Project was to build a patio and planting area at the Bristol Ferry Town
19 Common, as well as a base for the informational sign that describes the historic significance of

1 the area. The project consisted of raising all the funds and materials from local businesses, and
2 organizing all of the workers, scouts, and volunteers. Alexis and fellow scouts devoted countless
3 hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the benefit of the community;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Currently, a junior at Bishop Stang High School, a volunteer at most school
6 events as well as a member of the football team, Alexis also finds the time and energy to be an
7 exemplary student. He actively participates in the work of his church, Our Lady of Mount
8 Carmel, where he serves as a Master of Ceremonies at Mass, as well as a Sacristan for the parish.
9 Alexis is employed by the local YMCA as a lifeguard and summer camp counselor for kayaking
10 and surfing; and

11 WHEREAS, Alexis has been recognized for his devotion to his community. He was
12 commended for his support of children with special needs by the Newport County Regional
13 Special Education Advisory Board. He will build on this experience by participating on a week-
14 long missionary trip in August 2012 with fifteen of his peers who were selected to volunteer at an
15 orphanage for severely handicapped children located in Nicaragua; and

16 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
17 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Eagle Scout Alexis Joseph Cournoyer
18 exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be and all that we hope our children will grow to
19 be; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
21 Providence Plantations hereby extends our deepest appreciation to Alexis for his untiring service
22 to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication by which the
23 youth of this great state may follow. We send our very best wishes to Alexis Joseph Cournoyer
24 and wish him good health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the State be and he hereby is authorized and directed
26 to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Alexis Joseph Cournoyer.

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