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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING DERRICK JAMES SOARES UPON ACHIEVING
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Introduced By: Senators Shibley, Hodgson, and Maher

Date Introduced: January 03, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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. Derrick James Soares is just such a first-rate youth, and his accomplishments
6 are truly deserving of our recognition; and

7 WHEREAS, Derrick started his scouting career in September, 1999, as a Tiger Scout in
8 Pack 4, Frenchtown, Rhode Island, where he ultimately earned Cub Scout's highest award, the
9 Arrow of Light. In 2004, he became a member of Troop 1, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Using
10 his skills and abilities for the common good, he has earned the required Merit Badges to attain the
11 rank of Eagle Scout; and

12 WHEREAS, Derrick is particularly enthusiastic about outdoor activities such as Camp
13 Yawgoog and Resolute, hiking, skiing, canoeing, white water rafting, and camping. He has
14 participated in several High Adventure experiences, including Allagash in Maine, Philmont in
15 New Mexico, and Sea Base in the Florida Keys. Derrick has climbed nineteen of the forty-eight
16 4000-foot mountains as a result of his various treks through New Hampshire. He has also earned
17 the 50-miler scouting award; and

18 WHEREAS, Derrick, a leader and member of Troop 1, East Greenwich, Rhode Island,
19 has excelled in many leadership positions, including serving as Den Chief for his younger

1 brother's Cub Scout Pack and Den; and

2 WHEREAS, Derrick's Eagle Project was to take on the challenge of building twelve
3 Mutt-Mitt containers for the Town of East Greenwich, Department of Parks and Recreation.
4 These containers have been placed throughout the local recreation areas of East Greenwich to
5 allow residents to keep the parks clean as they recreate with their animals. He devoted countless
6 hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the benefit of the entire town;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Derrick enjoys playing the acoustic and electric guitar, bass guitar, and the
9 drums. Currently a senior at Saint Andrew's School in Barrington, he is looking forward to
10 graduation so he can continue his studies in psychology and journalism; and

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

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby honors Derrick James Soares for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. We also
16 extend our deepest appreciation to Derrick for his untiring service to the community and for
17 setting a high standard of commitment and dedication by which the youth of this great state may
18 follow; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Derrick James Soares.

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