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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING CONOR JOHN FALLON ON ATTAINING 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, Scouting is a movement that challenges, inspires, and guides young men 2 toward high achievements and high values as expressed in the Scout oath, law, motto, and slogan; 3 and

WHEREAS, The rank of Eagle is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts, and attainment of 4 5 this rank requires mastery of difficult challenges in diverse areas and the courage and tenacity to 6 pursue a goal over a long period of time; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Conor began his scouting career as a Cub Scout with Pack 3, East 10 Greenwich, coming in as a Bear Cub and continuing through Webelos I and II. He earned the 11 Arrow of Light Award and crossed over to Boy Scouts, joining Troop 1, East Greenwich, Rhode 12 Island, where he pursued the rank of Eagle. Using his skills and abilities for the common good, he 13 has earned the required merit badges and served in leadership roles throughout his years in Troop 14 1, including Historian, Librarian, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior 15 Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Conor is also active with Sea Scout Ship 1909 at the East 16 17 Greenwich Yacht Club, serving as Boatswain, the highest leadership position. His love of the 18 outdoors took him on three adventure trips, including one to Maine High Adventure Area, with a 19 canoe trip down the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. He returned two years later to act as crew 20 leader for a trip described as "the hardest in the history of the Matagamon High Adventure Base."

1 The following year, Conor hiked from Mount Madison to Mount Lafayette in the White 2 Mountains of New Hampshire on a weeklong high adventure hike as part of one of the two crews 3 and acted in the position of Trip Leader, coordinating the trip with the adult leaders, as well as the 4 leaders from the other two teams; and

5 WHEREAS, Conor decided that his Eagle Project would be to benefit the Nature 6 Conservancy and the public of Rhode Island. He chose to rebuild a bridge to replace a structurally 7 unsound predecessor and install a railing on a viewing platform on Tillinghast Pond Management 8 Area in West Greenwich. A group of scouts hiked to the work site with replacement boards that 9 had been prepared in advance so the construction could easily be performed on site. Conor and 10 his fellow scouts devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out their 11 project for the citizens of Rhode Island who visit this area; and

WHEREAS, Conor finds time to be an active student as well as a scout. Currently a senior at East Greenwich High School, he is a member of the rowing crew and wrestling team, Student Council, varsity club, and teen leadership consortium. Conor plans to attend college, as well as serve his country after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Attainment of the rank of Eagle confers upon the Eagle Scout an honor that will dignify him for the rest of his life. It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Conor exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be, and all that we hope our children will grow to be; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby honors Conor John Fallon for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, and we extend our deepest appreciation to Conor for his untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication by which youth of this great state may follow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Conor John Fallon.

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