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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING J. TANNER BUTERBAUGH UPON ACHIEVING  
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Introduced By: Senator Dawson T. Hodgson

Date Introduced: May 01, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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

6           WHEREAS, J. Tanner Buterbaugh is a remarkable young man worthy of this prestigious  
7 achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

8           WHEREAS, Tanner has distinguished himself through his continued performance of  
9 active service in Scouting. He has demonstrated strong leadership abilities by serving in several  
10 positions, such as Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Instructor, Quartermaster, and Assistant Senior  
11 Patrol Leader. He also completed the White Stag Youth Leadership Training at Camp Champlain.  
12 His most memorable event as a scout was working with other Eagle Scouts, leading a troop of  
13 younger scouts through a week of summer camp; and

14           WHEREAS, J. Tanner Buterbaugh of Troop 152, North Kingstown, 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, Tanner planned, developed, and carried out an extensive Eagle Scout service  
18 project, which consisted of designing storage shelves for the clothing ministry at Quidnessett  
19 Baptist Church located in North Kingstown. Tanner raised all the funds and materials from local

1 businesses, and organized all of the workers, scouts, and volunteers. Tanner and fellow scouts  
2 devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project for the benefit  
3 of the community; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to completing the necessary requirements for his Eagle Badge,  
5 Tanner has participated in numerous outdoor adventures, including several campouts and cycling  
6 trips to Block Island, as well as camping trips to Camp Hoffman, Buck Hill, and Yawgoog Boy  
7 Scout Camp; and

8 WHEREAS, Tanner also finds the time and energy to be an exemplary student. His love  
9 for music has had him very involved in the music programs at school, including the concert and  
10 symphonic bands and the percussion ensemble. Recently, he participated in a national  
11 competition in New York and earned Gold awards in each group. He has also been involved in  
12 the North Kingstown Fine Arts Department winter musical by filling two major roles in the  
13 performance of Footloose; and

14 WHEREAS, Currently a senior, he has traveled with his peers to Johns Island, South  
15 Carolina, to assist with home repairs and improvements in February during school break for the  
16 last several years. After graduation, Tanner will attend the United States Naval Academy to  
17 pursue his dream of becoming a Naval Officer; and

18 WHEREAS, He actively participates in the youth programs and music ministry at his  
19 church, East Greenwich United Methodist Church. His love for music has allowed him to  
20 accompany the Heaven Sent Choir and Joyful Noise Gospel Choir; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to school and church, Tanner finds the time to study karate at  
22 Newport Martial Arts, where he received the rank of black belt in Oki Ryu Kenpo; and

23 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to  
24 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Eagle Scout J. Tanner Buterbaugh  
25 exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be and all that we hope our children will grow to  
26 be; now, therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island honors J. Tanner Buterbaugh  
28 for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle within the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby extends its deepest appreciation to Tanner for his  
30 untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and dedication  
31 by which the youth of this great state may follow. We send our very best wishes to J. Tanner  
32 Buterbaugh and wish him good health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it  
33 further

34 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout J. Tanner Buterbaugh.

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