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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 ANDREW WYNSEN 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, Earning an Eagle Scout Badge is the pinnacle of achievement within the  
2 Boy Scouts of America. It is an exceptional distinction achieved by fewer than five percent of all  
3 the young men who enter scouting; and

4           WHEREAS, Andrew Wynsen is a remarkable young man worthy of this prestigious  
5 achievement and his accomplishments are truly deserving of our recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Learning important lifelong skills and values, Andrew Wynsen of Troop  
7 152, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, earned the required number of merit badges and has  
8 demonstrated his leadership in a variety of positions, including Troop Guide, Patrol Leader,  
9 Instructor, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

10           WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting years and to complete the final step toward  
11 obtaining the rank of Eagle, Andrew carried out an extensive Eagle Scout service project, which  
12 consisted of taking on the challenge of organizing the collection of used eyeglasses to be sent to  
13 developing countries. Andrew, with help from the Lions Club's "Recycle for Sight" program,  
14 was able to collect more than 400 pairs of glasses for people in need. Andrew devoted countless  
15 hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project; and

16           WHEREAS, In addition to completing the necessary requirements for his Eagle Badge,  
17 Andrew has participated in numerous outdoor adventures, including several cycling trips on  
18 Block Island, as well as camping trips to New Hampshire, Camp Hoffman, Buck Hill, and  
19 Yawgoog Boy Scout Camp; and

1           WHEREAS, Andrew also finds the time and energy to be an active student at school. An  
2 aspiring musician, Andrew plays jazz piano in his high school band and also plays in a small jazz  
3 combo, performing for events and special occasions. He has earned a spot as the pianist in the  
4 Rhode Island All-State Senior Jazz Band, which will be performing this summer at the Newport  
5 Jazz Festival. After graduation, he plans on attending the University of Connecticut to pursue a  
6 double major in Physiology and Jazz Studies; and

7           WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to  
8 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Eagle Scout Andrew Wynsen exemplifies  
9 everything an Eagle Scout should be and all that we hope our children will grow to be; now,  
10 therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
12 hereby honors Andrew Wynsen for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle within the Boy  
13 Scouts of America; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby extends our deepest appreciation to Andrew for  
15 his untiring service to the community and for setting a high standard of commitment and  
16 dedication by which the youth of this great state may follow. We wish him good health and  
17 happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eagle Scout Andrew Wynsen.

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