

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER W. BURKE ON ATTAINING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Not every boy, nor even every Scout, qualifies for the high rank of Eagle.
2 Strenuous physical hurdles, high mental requirements, strong personal character, indomitable
3 spirit, and a commitment to community service are a rare combination of qualities and
4 achievements to find in one person. Christopher W. Burke is just such an extraordinary young
5 man, and his accomplishments are truly worthy and deserving of our recognition and praise; and

6 WHEREAS, Christopher began his scouting experience as a Tiger Scout. Shortly after
7 joining Boy Scout Troop 1, Kingston, Rhode Island, he quickly advanced through the ranks.
8 Using his skills and abilities for the common good, Christopher earned the required number of
9 merit badges. Through perseverance and determination, he has attained the highest rank in
10 scouting, the Eagle, by meeting all the extensive requirements; and

11 WHEREAS, Christopher's Eagle Project was to take on the challenge of organizing and
12 planning the construction of an outdoor pergola located at the South Kingstown Police and
13 Rescue Station. This project consisted of clearing the front of the station and then installing a
14 granite memorial and a flagpole surrounded by attractive landscaping. The pergola provides
15 shade and sanctuary for the police officers, who can now enjoy having lunch outdoors.
16 Christopher and fellow scouts devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying
17 out his project for the enjoyment of the men and women who protect and serve the Town of South
18 Kingstown; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to completing the necessary requirements for his Eagle Badge,

1 Christopher received his Coast Guard Boater's license at the age of fourteen, and has enjoyed
2 spending numerous summers at Yawgoog Boy Scout Camp and snowboarding weekends in New
3 Hampshire. His most memorable scouting event was at the National High Adventure Sea Base in
4 Key West, Florida. While at the Sea Base Camp, the scouts paddled miles out to a desolate
5 island, slept under the stars in between poisonous trees and mosquitoes, cooked their own meals,
6 and snorkeled in crystal blue water; and

7 WHEREAS, A senior at South Kingstown High School, Christopher enjoys customizing
8 saltwater aquariums and designing and building special LED lighting for corals. After graduation,
9 he plans to attend college to pursue a degree in business and marine biology; and

10 WHEREAS, Christopher W. Burke upholds the dignity and virtue of a true Eagle, and
11 has proven himself to be worthy of trust and a truly dynamic leader; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby honors Christopher W. Burke on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Convinced that
14 Christopher's distinguished career in Scouting will prepare him for a life replete with
15 accomplishments and success, we are certain that he will continue to dedicate a large part of that
16 life to the service of others. We extend our best wishes for good health and happiness to
17 Christopher at his Eagle Court of Honor, and in the months and years ahead; and be it further

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

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