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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING NICHOLAS A. GIVEN ON ACHIEVING  
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, 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, In a society that grows increasingly fragmented and fractious and all too  
2 often tempts its youth to selfish and unwise decisions, it is a very special young man who chooses  
3 to dedicate himself to the service of others by putting into practice the noble ideals of the Scout  
4 Oath and Scout Law. Nicolas A. Given is just such a first-rate youth, and his accomplishments  
5 are truly deserving of our recognition; and

6           WHEREAS, Nicolas is a member of Troop 1 Kingston, Rhode Island. With perseverance  
7 and determination, he has attained the highest rank in scouting, the Eagle, by meeting all the  
8 extensive requirements; and

9           WHEREAS, During his years in scouting, Nicolas has demonstrated wide-ranging  
10 abilities that make him a worthy leader. In addition to earning an array of merit badges, Nicholas  
11 participated in a strenuous 52-mile hike across the Appalachian Trail and a high adventure camp  
12 at the Florida Sea Base in the Florida Keys; and

13           WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting years, he completed the final step toward  
14 obtaining the rank of Eagle by planning and carrying out an extensive Eagle service project.  
15 Nicholas reclaimed an overgrown parking area at St. Augustine's Church in Kingston, Rhode  
16 Island. Nicholas and fellow scouts devoted countless hours and amazing amount of energy using  
17 hand tools to clear the overgrown brush for his project; and

18           WHEREAS, Attaining the rank of Eagle requires considerable perseverance and is  
19 considered to be the pinnacle of achievement with the Boy Scouts of America. It is an exceptional

1 distinction achieved by fewer than five percent of all the young men who enter scouting; and

2 WHEREAS, Nicholas is the son of James and Paula Given, and is currently in his  
3 Sophomore year at South Kingstown High School, where he is a member of the wrestling team;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth, and to  
6 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Nicholas A. Given is a remarkable young  
7 man who exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be, and all that we hope our children will  
8 grow to be; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
10 hereby honors Nicholas A. Given for his service to the community and for setting a high standard  
11 of commitment and dedication by which youth of this great state may follow. We congratulate  
12 him for all he has done to attain the rank of Eagle, and extend our very best wishes for good  
13 health and happiness in the months and years ahead; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nicolas A. Given.

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