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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THOMAS M. SULLIVAN ON ACHIEVING
SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, McLaughlin, Ackerman, and Trillo

Date Introduced: March 21, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

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. Thomas M. Sullivan is just such an extraordinary young man
5 and his accomplishments are truly worthy and deserving of our recognition and praise; and

6 WHEREAS, During his years in scouting, Thomas has held several leadership positions
7 including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Instructor, and Assistant Patrol Leader. He has
8 demonstrated wide-ranging abilities, effective skills and the kind of self-confidence that makes
9 him a worthy leader; and

10 WHEREAS, Learning important lifelong skills and values, Thomas earned a myriad of
11 merit badges. In addition, he also earned the Order of the Arrow, which is Scouting's honor
12 society; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas has completed the arduous and demanding requirements necessary
14 to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. As the highlight of his scouting years and to complete the
15 final step toward obtaining the rank of Eagle, Thomas planned, financed, and designed an
16 extensive Eagle Scout service project. His Eagle Project was to construct team benches for the
17 Cumberland High School and town recreational athletic teams at Tucker Field. Thomas and
18 fellow scouts devoted countless hours and an amazing amount of energy carrying out his project
19 for the benefit and enjoyment of the community; and

1 WHEREAS, Thomas is the son of James and Michele Sullivan and is a Senior at
2 Cumberland High School. He is also recognized as an honor student and Army ROTC 4-Year
3 Scholarship Award winner. In addition to scouting, Thomas is a member of the Cumberland High
4 School Variety Show and St. John Vianney Catholic Youth Group and is a volunteer at Historic
5 Metcalf-Franklin Farm. He is the Captain of the Cross Country & Indoor Track Northern
6 Division Championship Teams; 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. Thomas M. Sullivan is a remarkable young
9 man who exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be, and all that we hope our children will
10 grow to be; now, therefore be it

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

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Thomas M. Sullivan.

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