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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JONATHAN F. MASSE 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, 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. Jonathan F. Masse is just such an extraordinary young man
5 and his accomplishments are truly worthy and deserving of our recognition and praise; and

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

9 WHEREAS, During his years in scouting, Jonathan has demonstrated wide-ranging
10 abilities making him a worthy leader. Jonathan exhibited high self-confidence and effective skills
11 while participating in a grueling 52-mile hike across the Appalachian Trail; and

12 WHEREAS, Learning important lifelong skills and values, Eagle Scout Jonathan Masse
13 earned several merit badges. Jonathan also earned several special awards, such as the Order of the
14 Arrow, which is Scouting's honor society, and four Roman Catholic Boy Scouts awards; and

15 WHEREAS, As the highlight of his scouting years, Jonathan completed the final step
16 toward obtaining the rank of Eagle by planning and carrying out an extensive Eagle service
17 project. Jonathan refurbished a historic Wakefield landmark, the Rose Hill Road Cemetery.
18 Jonathan cleared the overgrown brush, photographed the tombstones, and provided global
19 positioning information that was made accessible on the Historical Society website; and

1 WHEREAS, Attaining the rank of Eagle requires considerable perseverance and is
2 considered to be the pinnacle of achievement with the Boy Scouts of America. It is an exceptional
3 distinction achieved by fewer than five percent of all the young men who enter scouting; and

4 WHEREAS, Jonathan is the son of Leo J. Masse and Jennifer Nappi, and is currently in
5 his Junior year at South Kingstown High School, where he is a member of the wrestling team.
6 Jonathan also has been a committed volunteer Den Chief for the Aquapaug Cub Scouts Pack
7 Camp; and

8 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth, and to
9 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Jonathan F. Masse is a remarkable young
10 man who exemplifies everything an Eagle Scout should be, and all that we hope our children will
11 grow to be; now, therefore be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jonathan F. Masse.

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