

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING EDWIN "SCOOTER" LAPRISE UPON BEING  
NAMED RICHMOND GRANGE #6 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE "AGRICULTURIST OF  
THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: June 03, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Richmond Grange #6 is proud to honor Edwin "Scooter" LaPrise, its 2010  
2 Agriculturist of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Scooter was born and raised in North Kingstown and has always had a  
4 passion for farming and logging. He was active in the Rhode Island FFA Association and the Boy  
5 Scouts, where he became an Eagle Scout. Scooter's first experience dairy farming started just  
6 after he finished high school. It was at this time that he acquired two calves, one a gift from his  
7 future in-laws; and

8 WHEREAS, After getting married to Cynthia in 1988, they raised cattle, pigs, and sheep.  
9 Once their children, Elizabeth, Matthew, Alexandra, and Maggie, were old enough to become  
10 4-H'ers, they bought them their first Jersey calves. As a result, EMMA Acres was born; and

11 WHEREAS, EMMA Acres is the home of 32 milking cows, most of which are Jerseys,  
12 with a few crossbreeds and a couple of Ayrshires. The farm has received grants and funding to  
13 maintain and build a manure pit and heavy use area for the herd. Scooter is always looking for  
14 ways to improve his herd. Through a dairy herd service, he tests the monthly production and  
15 quality of each cow; and

16 WHEREAS, Scooter and his family farm joined the Rhode Island Dairy Farms  
17 Cooperative, Rhody Fresh, in December 2008. He is currently serving on its Board of Directors  
18 as Secretary. You can often find Scooter giving tours of their farm and occasionally taking a cow  
19 to a local Rhody Fresh promotion; and

1           WHEREAS, Scooter is still active in 4-H, where he volunteers and has served on the  
2 Southern Rhode Island 4-H Committee. He currently chaperones the 4-H kids at the Big E, and  
3 also trucks the animals to and from the Big E. He has also opened his farm and herd to other 4-H  
4 kids who want a chance to manage a dairy animal, but do not have the opportunity; and

5           WHEREAS, For these reasons, Richmond Grange #6 has selected Edwin "Scooter"  
6 LaPrise as its 2010 Community Service Agriculturist of the Year; now, therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby honor Edwin "Scooter" LaPrise for all he has done for the agriculture community. We  
9 extend our deepest appreciation to Edwin "Scooter" LaPrise for his faithful service and for setting  
10 a high standard of commitment and dedication by which all in this great state may follow. We  
11 extend to him our very best wishes for good health and happiness in the months and years ahead;  
12 and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Edwin "Scooter" LaPrise.

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