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Lt. Governor honored as ‘Distinguished Citizen of the Year’

Montpelier, Vt. – The Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America on Tuesday honored **Lt. Governor Phil Scott** as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year at a dinner in Barre.

The annual award goes to a public or private sector leader who offers young Vermonters an “inspiring example of citizenship and service to others.”

Last year’s recipient was U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). Previous award winners include Norwich University president, Rear Admiral Richard Schneider, Ph.D; Ed Colodny, former president of University of Vermont and chairman of U.S. Airways; and former Vermont governor, Jim Douglas.

“This award is an opportunity to highlight Lt. Governor Scott’s inspiring example of service and leadership and raise much needed funds and awareness for youth development programs in Vermont,” said event co-chairs Richard J. Wobby and Jason Gibbs. “We are delighted to celebrate the leadership of another Vermonter who can serve as an example for young people to look up to.”

Lt. Governor Scott spoke about the role of respectful competition in the context of good citizenship, and the lessons he’s learned as a competitor on the racetrack and as a public official. Scott also had an opportunity to compete on a miniature racetrack at last night’s event; he brought along his own version of a “pinewood derby car” -- actually a miniature version of his #14 Late Model car, complete with racing decals and sponsor logos. Scott’s pinewood derby car will be sold in an online auction to raise additional funds for the Boy Scouts Green Mountain Council.

Scott also joined the event co-chairs in thanking the sponsors, including Sugarbush Resort, Vermont Automotive Dealers and Distributors Association, Thunder Road Speedbowl, Northfield Savings Bank, Downs Rachlin Martin, Norwich University, UVM, National Life Group, AGC/VT, and Maplewood.

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