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AG TO BE HONORED TONIGHT DISTINGUISHED EAGLE SCOUT

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange will be presented the Distinguished Eagle Award in a ceremony to be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 8, at the Capital City Club, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 2200, in Montgomery. The press is welcome to attend. The Distinguished Eagle Award is the highest recognition of the National Eagle Scout Association. In addition, 57 Alabama Boy Scouts will be recognized for receiving the Eagle Scout Award for 2011.

"I am truly honored to receive such a prominent award from an organization that upholds the highest levels of character and leadership," said Attorney General Strange. The dignity of the National Eagle Scout Association is inspiring to young men across our country, and the distinction of this award is a true honor that makes me proud of my experience as an Eagle Scout."

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award recognizes men who have reached the highest national level of success in their field more than 25 years after becoming an Eagle Scout. Past recipients include U.S. Presidents, military officers, educators and business leaders. Attorney General Strange was nominated by Alabama's Tukabatchee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Three other Attorneys General who also have received prominent awards from the Boy Scouts of America commented on their Alabama colleague's recognition as a Distinguished Eagle Scout. Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna has received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and he continues to serve as a board member with the Chief Seattle Council of the Boy Scouts of America. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson has received the Eagle Scout Award. Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff serves as Chair of the Utah Chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association and holds scouting's Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to the organization and its members.

"I congratulate Luther on receiving this honor. He is an outstanding Attorney General who exemplifies Scouting's highest values. I'm guessing he also is now the tallest Distinguished Eagle Scout, whose lofty stature fits well with Scouting's lofty ideals," said Attorney General McKenna.

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"As an Eagle Scout and lifetime scouter, I know that scouting is the greatest crime prevention program in the world; and most Eagle scouts excel and contribute throughout their lives. Congratulations to General Strange on your well deserved recognition. Your example to our youth is extraordinary. To you I say what I do in every letter I send to new Utah Eagle Scouts: 'Soar, Eagle, Soar!'" said Attorney General Shurtleff.

"The Boys Scouts of America works to instill the highest principles and values in boys on their journey to become leaders in communities across the country. This award recognizes the fact that Attorney General Strange has joined a very special group of men who continue to live by those ideals, and give back to this fantastic organization," said Attorney General Wilson.