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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY SCHOOLS (BVS) BOYS CO-OP  
TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II HIGH SCHOOL STATE  
HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, and Famiglietti

Date Introduced: March 31, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Blackstone Valley Schools Boys Co-Op ice hockey team's 2026 victory  
2 in the Rhode Island Division II Boys Ice Hockey Tournament was one for the ages and the  
3 history books as they overcame adversity and great tragedy to emerge victorious in a storybook  
4 moment that touched the hearts of all Rhode Islanders and many people across the nation; and

5           WHEREAS, After the horrific and tragic shooting a month earlier that resulted in the loss  
6 of three lives at the Lynch Arena in Pawtucket, it was unimaginable to believe that the young men  
7 on this team could possibly pick up the pieces in such a short time and play competitive hockey  
8 again. However, thanks to the incredible leadership provided by head Coach Chris Librizzi, who  
9 somehow held the team together and built it back up, and the incredible resilience of these young  
10 men, the BVS Co-Op not only returned to playing hockey, but they put together a winning streak  
11 that will be forever remembered not only in the annals of Rhode Island sports, but within the  
12 history of American sports; and

13           WHEREAS, After dispatching the RMT Co-Op Ice Hockey Team in a two-game sweep  
14 of the first round of the 2026 Rhode Island Boys Division II Ice Hockey Tournament, the BVS  
15 squad met Portsmouth High in a semi-final match that resulted in a thrilling, double overtime  
16 game. Senior Colin Dorgan, who less than a month earlier had lost three members of his family in  
17 a senseless shooting incident, received a pass at center ice in double overtime and from the slot  
18 blasted the puck through the Portsmouth goalie's pads to end the game and send the BVS co-op  
19 team to the championship game. In an instant, Colin Dorgan became a national hero as people

1 across the nation erupted in joy upon learning of his achievement; and

2 WHEREAS, In a championship game every bit as thrilling as the BVS victory over  
3 Portsmouth in the semi-finals, the underdog BVS squad continued its magical run by defeating  
4 Lincoln High School by the score of 3-2 in four overtimes. Things were looking bleak for BVS  
5 late in the third period as they trailed 0-2 with only 6 minutes left in the game, before they made a  
6 roaring comeback. First, Caden Rudek cut the lead in half when he scored with 5:37 left in the  
7 game. The next big moment seemed like a scene from a Hollywood movie as, after pulling their  
8 goalie with 53.7 seconds left, Colin Dorgan repeated his heroics on ice when he blasted home a  
9 clutch game-tying goal with 23 seconds left. The drama continued into the 4th overtime and  
10 finally ended when Jason Boyes won the game for BVS, and the title, with 5:53 left in the fourth  
11 overtime; and

12 WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in a team sport is an incredible achievement that  
13 requires that every player on the team give their all while at the same time always placing team  
14 goals ahead of individual desires. The 2026 BVS Cop-OP Boys Ice Hockey Team had that  
15 mindset in abundance as they were led all season by the outstanding play provided by Jacob  
16 Faria, Nick Rivard, Michael Mon, Drew Silva, Cam Governo, Declan St. Vincent, Jaxon Boyes,  
17 Nick Bianchi, Preston Manning, Tommy Decataldo, Thomas Fournier, Brody Laliberte, Avery  
18 Hueston, Colin Dorgan, Alex Pickering, Martin Ayo-Populos, Caden Rudek, Jameson Cordeiro,  
19 Alex Gosselin, Benjamin Brooks, Chole Corey, Joey Palmer, Tyler Amore, Jason Scott, Logan  
20 Lang and Matt Palmer; and

21 WHEREAS, The 2025-2026 BVS Co-Op Team was also blessed this season to have the  
22 outstanding coaching and leadership provided by Head Coach Chris Librizzi, and Assistant  
23 Coaches Michael Cienava, Nick Gustafson, Chris Lambert, Seth Pickering, and Assistant Coach  
24 and JV Coach Steve Wowk; now, therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby heartily and joyously  
26 congratulates the Blackstone Valley Schools Boys Co-Op Ice Hockey Team on winning the  
27 Rhode Island 2026 Division II State Championship; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
29 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to BVS Head Coach Chris Librizzi and the entire  
30 roster and coaches of the Blackstone Valley Schools Boys Co-Op hockey team.

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