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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE EAST PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM ON
WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND 2012 DIVISION III STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators DeVall, DaPonte, Metts, Felag, and Bates

Date Introduced: May 01, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In a bitterly-fought three-game Division III high school hockey
2 championship series, East Providence emerged victorious. East Providence's 2-1 win in the
3 thrilling final game of the series was aided by the clutch goaltending of Marc LaValley, a power
4 play tally by Kevin Hall, and a late penalty shot goal by Ryan Costa; and

5 WHEREAS, This win is East Providence's second State Hockey Championship and its
6 first since 2005. East Providence was led in fine fashion all season by first-year head coach Kevin
7 Croke. His steady demeanor, innovative strategies, and ability to motivate paid big dividends. He
8 molded the team into a tough, cohesive unit, one that peaked at the right time and played its best
9 hockey in the playoffs; and

10 WHEREAS, Senior Captains Ryan Barry, Matthew Hall, and Keith Marquis were also
11 invaluable components who contributed to a sterling 13-3 regular season record, a 14-5-1 overall
12 regular season record, and a state title victory over Tolman in the playoff semi-finals and a tough
13 Mount Hope squad in the Championship series; and

14 WHEREAS, Winning a state title requires a team entirely devoted to each other and the
15 goal of winning a championship. Every single player has to give all he and she has in support of a
16 larger goal. East Providence won the state championship due to the sacrifices and efforts of every
17 one of its players and coaches, including players James M. Carlson, Sarah B. Duarte, Troy
18 Derrick, Kyle Marquis, Ryan Galvao, Ryan Barry, Ryan M. Costa, Jared J. Estrella, Kevin N.
19 Hall, Matthew Hall, Paul M. Lukas, Tyler Maxwell, Andrew Gordon, Sean Freeney, Keith

1 Marquis, Joshua LeTendre, Shawn J. Medeiros, and Marc LaValley, Head Coach Kevin Croke,
2 Assistant Coach Mike Forrest, and volunteer Ian Ridlon; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby congratulates the East Providence High School Hockey Team on winning the Rhode
5 Island 2012 Division III State Hockey Championship; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Head Coach Kevin Croke.

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