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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MOUNT ST. CHARLES BOYS HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2013-2014 RHODE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Cote, Bates, Pearson, E O'Neill, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: March 18, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

WHEREAS, It was supposed to be a rebuilding season for the legendary Mount St.
 Charles Boys Hockey Team and when Mount lost the first game of their best of three State
 Championship series to Hendricken, and fell behind 3-1 in the second game, it certainly appeared
 that the Mounties were not going to add another championship trophy to their already stuffed
 trophy case; and

6 WHEREAS, However, champions always seem to have an abundance of grit and a 7 refusal to quit attitude, and Mount St. Charles proved that axiom to be true as they mounted a 8 comeback for the ages and stormed back to win the State Championship and add yet another 9 Championship to their illustrious hockey heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, In a do or die situation in game two, the Mounties fell behind 3-1 in the 11 third period with time running out for them. However, shortly after falling two goals back, the 12 Mounties staged a magnificent comeback. They regained the momentum when Marc Squizzero 13 cut the lead to one, putting the puck into the upper left corner of the net. About five minutes later, 14 with the pressure building, freshman Tim Casilli tied the game when he fired a rocket from the 15 point that also reached the upper left part of the net. At the same time, Mountie goalie Brian 16 Larence played phenomenal hockey, consistently making clutch saves to keep Mount St. Charles 17 in the game; and

WHEREAS, In a tense overtime that saw the play go back and forth, star JuniorDefenseman Keith Phaneuf settled the issue when he blasted a shot from about 30 feet away into

the upper right corner of the net. Mount had somehow survived to force a decisive game three to
 be played in Meehan Auditorium at Brown University; and

WHEREAS, Mount St. Charles won game three of the Championship Series in dominating fashion, jumping out to 4-0 and 5-1 leads. Mount was led by the scoring of Thomas Crudele, who scored two goals, and by the scoring of Justin D'Abrosca, Patrick Holmes, and Marc Squizzero. Once again Brian Larence was outstanding in net and for his efforts in this series, Larence was chosen the Tournament's Most Valuable Player; and

8 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in any team sport is impossible unless every 9 member of a team is completely dedicated towards the proposition that the team comes first and 10 individual laurels take second place. The 2013-2014 Mount St. Charles Boys Hockey team had an 11 abundance of those kinds of players with Brett Simoneau, Daniel Allen, Kevin Valentine, Jack 12 Boisvert, Captain Marc Squizzero, Patrick Holmes, Henry Alienello, Tom Crudele, Bill Burns, 13 Cameron Tedford, Justin D'Abrosca, Colin Cannata, Tim Casilli, Jacob Glod, Ryan Badeau, Joe 14 Sanchioni, Keith Phaneuf, Jack O'Donnell, Tyler Rudek, Justin Trindade, Ryan Cannata, Drew 15 St. Germain, Captain Brian Larence, Jake Martin, Zachery Noke, Zachery Vanasse and Nick 16 Manousos consistently giving everything they had in support of the team and its goals; and

WHEREAS, The Boys Mount St. Charles Hockey Team was led by the sterling coaching
of Normand "Bill" Belisle, who incredibly won his 32nd State Title, and was additionally aided
enormously by the leadership and astute coaching provided by Co-Head Coach Dave Belisle, and
Assistant Coaches Paul Guay, Peter Capizzo, and Matt Merten; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
hereby congratulates the Mount St. Charles Boys Hockey Team on winning the 2013-2014 Boys
Hockey State Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Coaches Normand "Bill" Belisle and Dave Belisle.

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