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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE FRIARS ON WINNING THE 2015
NCAA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Amore, McNamara, and Keable

Date Introduced: April 14, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In return for all the years of hard work and dedication that it takes to play
2 hockey at such a high level, the members of the Providence College Men's Hockey Team were
3 rewarded with a National Championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Equally as important as winning the National Championship is the fact that
5 Providence College, under the enlightened direction of President Shanley, is completely
6 committed to ensuring that all its athletes are true student-athletes. Providence College is a leader
7 in both athletic success and academic excellence, and has shown that universities and colleges do
8 not have to sacrifice either academic and moral integrity, or athletic excellence, in order to excel
9 at them all; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to the college's efforts to improve the facilities enjoyed by all of
11 its students, Athletic Director Bob Driscoll has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school's
12 student-athletes have the facilities and support that will allow them to compete at the highest
13 levels; and

14 WHEREAS, The recently completed renovations of Schneider Arena were just part of the
15 equation, the school's decision to hire Nate Leaman as the Head Coach of the Men's Hockey
16 Team only serves to reinforce Father Shanley and Bob Driscoll's vision of making Providence
17 College a leader in athletics as well as academics; and

18 WHEREAS, The 15th seeded Friars showed throughout the Hockey Championship the
19 same grit and determination that Providence College and its teams have been known for, in

1 reaching the pinnacle of student athletics, an NCAA Championship; and

2 WHEREAS, Led by the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Goalie Jon Gillies,
3 Captains Ross Mauermann and Noel Acciari, and the timely goals scored by Anthony Florentino,
4 Mark Jankowski, Tom Parisi, and Brandon Tanev, the Providence College Friars defeated their
5 Hockey East rival the Boston University Terriers to win their first ever NCAA Hockey
6 Championship; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Providence College Friars Men's Hockey Team
9 on winning the 2015 NCAA Hockey Championship, and further congratulates Father Shanley and
10 the entire Providence College Community for their unwavering commitment to the student-
11 athlete philosophy; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Providence College President, Rev. Brian J.
14 Shanley, O.P., Providence College Athletic Director Robert G. Driscoll, Jr., and Providence
15 College Men's Hockey Head Coach Nate Leaman.

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