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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING THE JOHNSTON/NORTH PROVIDENCE BOYS CO-OP HOCKEY
TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Fellela, Corvese, O'Brien, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: May 05, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Johnston/North Providence Boys co-op hockey team entered the Rhode
2 Island Division III playoffs as decided underdogs, but they managed to play their best hockey at
3 just the right time as they stormed through the playoffs compiling a 6-1 record, and won their
4 second Division III Title in five years; and

5 WHEREAS, In the state finals, they faced the Tournament favorites, West
6 Warwick/Exeter-West Greenwich, in a best of three series. After winning the first game 3-1,
7 Johnston/North Providence found themselves down a goal with less than two minutes left in the
8 second game. In a thrilling finish, they came from behind to win the second game and the state
9 title by scoring two goals in less than a minute. Sam DaCosta scored on a rebound shot with only
10 1:32 left in the game to tie the score. His clutch goal was his ninth goal of the playoffs. Shortly
11 thereafter, with only 59.1 seconds left on the game clock, freshman Brandon Tanguay notched the
12 game winning goal, also on a rebound, to wrap up the state title for his squad; and

13 WHEREAS, The Johnston/North Providence team was led in the playoffs by the
14 outstanding play provided by goalie Dave Kelly, who stopped 63 of the 65 shots he faced in the
15 state finals. For his efforts, he was awarded the Rev. Robert C. Newbold Most Valuable Player
16 Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Winning a state title in a team sport requires that every member of the team
18 be completely devoted to putting team goals ahead of individual goals. The Johnston/North
19 Providence Boys co-op hockey team had these kinds of players in abundance as they were aided

1 all season by the sterling play provided by Brandon Tanguay, Sean Anderson, Nathan Nye, Nick
2 Threshier, Amara Gibau, Theron Papineau, Andrew Costa, Mike Petracca, Sam DaCosta, Justin
3 Blais, Jacob McCullough, Zach Szumita, Ryan Sandbach, Andrew Costa-Curtis, Bradford
4 Townsend, Justin Gomes, Shawn O'Brien, Justin Harvey, Brian Iannuccillo, John Gibau, and
5 David Kelly. The Johnston/North Providence co-op hockey team also benefited all season from
6 the exemplary coaching provided by co-head coaches David Centracchio and Steve Morrison;
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Johnston/North Providence Boys co-op hockey
10 team on winning the Rhode Island Division III Championship; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Johnston/North Providence Boys co-op hockey
13 co-head coaches David Centracchio and Steve Morrison.

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