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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Lombardo, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: April 08, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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

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

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

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