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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON BRUINS FOR WINNING THE NHL EASTERN  
CONFERENCE TITLE AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE STANLEY  
CUP FINALS AGAINST THE ST. LOUIS BLUES**

Introduced By: Representatives McKiernan, Millea, Mattiello, Amore, and Casey

Date Introduced: May 23, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Boston Bruins, one of the most successful franchises in NHL history,  
2 compiled yet another sterling season on the ice in the 2018-2019 NHL season, amassing a record  
3 of 49 wins, third most in the NHL, and 107 points, tied for second in the NHL; and

4           WHEREAS, The Bruins success was due in part to the stellar leadership and innovative  
5 coaching provided by Head Coach Bruce Cassidy, who is in his third year at the helm after  
6 having successfully coached the Providence Bruins for eight seasons from 2008 to 2016; and

7           WHEREAS, The Bruins offense was led all season by the best and most dynamic line in  
8 the NHL. Veteran Brad Marchand, a former First Team All-NHL selection, who scored 36 goals  
9 manning the Left Wing Position, while talented youngster David Pasternak, one of the most  
10 feared snipers in the NHL, led the team with 38 goals at the Right Wing position. In the middle of  
11 this great line, playing Center is guaranteed future Hall-of-Famer Patrice Bergeron, the best  
12 defensive Center in NHL history, who scored 32 goals, consistently shut down the opposition's  
13 best scorers, helped to kill penalties, and won numerous key face-offs. The Bruins were also  
14 assisted all season by the timely scoring provided by David Krejci and Jake Debrusk; and

15           WHEREAS, The Bruins stingy defense gave up only 215 goals, the fourth fewest in the  
16 NHL thanks to the outstanding play provided by young star Charlie McAvoy, an NHL First Team  
17 All-Rookie selection in 2017-2018, as well as Captain and veteran leader Zdeno Chara, a six time  
18 All-Star, and former James Norris Trophy Winner, and the steady contributions of Torey Krug,  
19 Matt Grzelcyk, Connor Clifton and Brandon Carlo. In addition, the Bruins net has been protected

1 all season by veteran star net-minder Tuukka Rask, a former Vezina Trophy winner; and

2 WHEREAS, The Bruins began their Stanley Cup playoff journey when they faced the  
3 Toronto Maple Leafs, a team known for its exciting offense led by their Superstar Centers John  
4 Tavares and Austin Matthews. In a back-and-forth, nail-biting series, the Bruins stormed back  
5 from a 3-2 deficit to win the series 4 games to 3. In the second round, the Bruins faced the  
6 Columbus Blue Jackets, who had just dispatched the Tampa Bay Lightning, the number one seed  
7 in the NHL playoffs. The Blue Jackets entered the series against the Bruins with their fiery Head  
8 Coach John Tortorella, a seemingly unbeatable goaltender in Sergei Bobrovsky, and all the  
9 momentum. Once again the Bruins fell behind in the series, 2 games to 1, but came back to  
10 dispatch the Blue Jackets thanks in large part to the incredible display of goaltending exhibited by  
11 Tuukka Rask. Tuukka continued his magnificent play in the Eastern Conference Finals as the  
12 Bruins dominated the Carolina Hurricanes to sweep the series, 4-0; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby heartily congratulates the Boston Bruins for winning the NHL  
15 Eastern Conference Playoffs. We also wish the Bruins continued success in the NHL Stanley Cup  
16 Finals against the St. Louis Blues; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Bruce Cassidy, Head Coach, Boston  
19 Bruins.

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