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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING MOUNT ST. CHARLES ICE HOCKEY COACHES BILL AND DAVID  
BELISLE AS THEY CONCLUDE THEIR LEGENDARY COACHING CAREERS**

Introduced By: Representatives Millea, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, and Casey

Date Introduced: May 28, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Mount St. Charles Ice Hockey Head Coach Bill Belisle will be retiring  
2 alongside his son, Assistant Coach and Co-Head Coach Dave Belisle, after 44 years of incredible  
3 success. Both coaches have had an enormously positive influence on the lives and aspirations of  
4 the countless young men who played ice hockey for their teams; and

5           WHEREAS, Head Coach Bill Belisle was himself both a graduate of Mount St. Charles  
6 High School, in 1947, and a hockey player for the Mounties, winning a State Title as a player in  
7 1947; and

8           WHEREAS, Coach Belisle began his legendary High School hockey coaching career in  
9 1975 and since has compiled a record of winning and achievement second to no one in the history  
10 of high school hockey in the United States. He won a national record of 26 state titles in a row  
11 from 1978 to 2003, and nine times during that period his teams were ranked number one in the  
12 nation. Overall, he has won 32 state championships and has won more than 1,000 games as head  
13 coach, the most by any High School hockey coach in the United States; and

14           WHEREAS, Few high school coaches in the United States can match the ability of Bill  
15 and Dave Belisle to develop players. More than twenty Mount St. Charles ice hockey players  
16 have been drafted by National Hockey League teams, and two have been selected first in the  
17 NHL Draft: Brian Lawton in 1983, the first American to ever be chosen with the number one  
18 selection in the NHL draft, and Bryan Berard in 1995; and

19           WHEREAS, More Importantly, Coaches Bill and Dave Belisle believed that developing

1 good young men to be productive people and citizens was as important as their development as  
2 hockey players. They taught their players the value of hard-work, discipline and team-work, and  
3 showed them that these traits would not only make them better players and athletes, but also  
4 make them better husbands, fathers, workers and members of their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding success and the integrity with which he has  
6 run his hockey programs, Coach Bill Belisle has been the recipient of many prestigious honors  
7 including being inducted into the United State Hockey Hall of Fame, the Rhode Island Hockey  
8 Hall of Fame, the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame, and the  
9 Mount St. Charles Athletic Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, In a recent touching and emotional ceremony held at Adelard Arena, the  
11 Mounties home ice facility, an outpouring of support came from a capacity crowd as Coach Bill  
12 Belisle and his son Dave were honored in their last season coaching hockey at Mount St. Charles.  
13 Nearly 1,000 attendees, including 90 former Mount St. Charles hockey players, and Belisle  
14 family members all came together to give Bill and Dave Belisle a standing ovation in honor of  
15 their incredible coaching careers and to thank them for all they have done on behalf of the Mount  
16 St. Charles community and for the game of hockey; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
18 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Bill and Dave Belisle as they conclude  
19 their incredibly successful coaching careers; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
21 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mount St. Charles Boys Ice Hockey Head  
22 Coach Bill Belisle, and Co-Head Coach Dave Belisle.

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