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**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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

CONGRATULATING THE COVENTRY BOYS HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2010-2011 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II BOYS HOCKEY STATE TITLE

Introduced By: Representatives Guthrie, Tomasso, Chippendale, Nunes, and Morgan

Date Introduced: March 31, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, The Coventry High School Boys Hockey Team earned an outstanding regular season record of 25-2 and finished first in the division with a record of 16-2; and

WHEREAS, Coventry faced Prout in the first round and swept them 2-0 in the best of three series, winning the first game 3-1, and wrapped up the series in game two by winning a thrilling 3-2 victory in overtime. In the championship finals, Coventry met Portsmouth and once again swept the opposition 2-0 in the best of three series, winning both by the score of 4-2, to clinch the state championship; and

WHEREAS, Coventry was led by the outstanding play of goaltender and Team Captain Spencer F. Patti, who went 6-0 in the playoffs and compiled a miniscule 1.6 goals against average, the magnificent play of Team Captain and forward Nicholas V. Paiva, and the key contributions provided by three-sport athlete Alex Zannella. Such is the closeness and unselfishness of this team and its players that upon receiving the MVP award for the Tournament, Nicholas Paiva gave the award to Goalie Spencer Patti. In addition to winning the State Title, the Coventry Boys Hockey Team also received the Rhode Island Interscholastic League Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, Winning a State Title is impossible unless everyone on the team gives their all and carries an unselfish attitude to practices, games, and team activities. The Coventry Boys Hockey Team is blessed with an abundance of such players. They were led all season by the superb coaching of Head Coach Kenneth Bird and Assistant Coach Chris Daigneault. Numerous

players made important contributions to the team in addition to the aforementioned Paiva, Zannella, and Patti. They are Peter Stringfellow, Conner A. Forsythe, Zachary T. Faria, Jacob Harrington, Michael R. Pesola, Zachary Levesque, Seamus P. Fennelly, Devin Bane, Zachary Woods, Zachary Cooney, Matthew T. Tanksley, Conner DiPetro, Brian M. Skorski, Corey B. Rogers, Brandon R. Hassell, Vincent Zannella, and Ethan J. Tryhubczak; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Coventry Boys High School Hockey Team on winning the 2010-2011 Rhode Island Boys Hockey Division II Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Kenneth Bird.

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