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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 COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING
THE 2012 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

Date Introduced: April 26, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is always difficult for a single team to repeat as champions in any sport,
2 but the Coventry High School hockey team did so in grand fashion in 2011-2012. The team was
3 dominant in the regular season, compiling a sterling 17-1 record and easily winning the Division
4 II North regular season championship. Coventry continued its torrid level of play in the playoffs
5 and easily dispatched Prout High School in a two-games-to-nothing sweep in the championship
6 round to win its second straight state title; and

7 WHEREAS, The strong team effort and gritty play that has epitomized the season for
8 Coventry was evident at the State Championship Tournament. Led by a high-powered offense,
9 stingy defense, superb goaltending, and the outstanding play of Michael Pesola in the title game,
10 Coventry proved to be an unbeatable force; and

11 WHEREAS, Playing in their final RIIL high school hockey game, senior captains Alex
12 Zannella, P.J. Stringfellow, Zach Levesque, and Connor DiPetro were instrumental to the overall
13 success of the team, each making a significant and noteworthy contribution to their hard fought
14 victory in the title-deciding game; and

15 WHEREAS, Coventry Coach Ken Bird's leadership and the coaching staff's hard work
16 were key to gaining the team's commitment to the mental preparedness and physical endurance
17 needed during the long interscholastic season and the state championship tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, Winning a state title requires that everyone on the team, players and coaches
19 alike, give all they have in an unselfish manner towards a common goal. The members of the

1 2011-2012 Coventry Hockey Team attained their goal thanks to the hard work and “team first”
2 play of Stephen Schmitt, Captain Peter Stringfellow, Mitchell Jones, Megan Fraser, Eric Pesola,
3 Jacob Harrington, Michael R. Pesola, Joseph Stringfellow, Captain Alex Zannella, Captain
4 Zachary Levesque, Devin Bane, Robert Beaudoin, Zachary Woods, Zachary Cooney, Matthew T.
5 Tanksley, Captain Connor DiPietro, Brian M. Skorski, Corey B. Rogers, Brandon R. Hassell,
6 Marc C. Lasorsa, Drew Strychasz, and Vincent Zannella, and the sterling coaching provided by
7 Head Coach Kenneth Bird, Assistant Coach Chris Daigneault, and volunteers Tom Berard and
8 Jay Mertz; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Coventry High School Hockey Team on winning
11 the 2012 Rhode Island Division II State Championship; and be it further

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

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