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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE
EAST REGIONAL IN THE NCAA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT AND WISHING THEM
CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FROZEN FOUR IN BOSTON AT TD GARDEN**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Amore, Keable, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: April 02, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Providence College Men's Hockey Team, under the superb leadership
2 and coaching provided by Head Coach Nate Leaman, compiled an exemplary regular season
3 record of 21-11-2, finishing tied for second place in the Hockey East. The Friars were rewarded
4 for their excellent hockey season by being chosen to play in the NCAA Tournament where they
5 were seeded 4th in the East Regional played in Providence; and

6 WHEREAS, The Friars won the first game of the NCAA Tournament, stunning one-
7 seeded Miami of Ohio by the score of 7-5. The Friars stormed to a 6-2 lead and held on for a two-
8 goal victory. In the regional finals, the Friars faced second-seeded Denver and after a tightly
9 fought first two periods, the Friars broke open the game in the third period to win 4-1. The Friars
10 will be playing in their first Frozen Four in thirty years thanks in part to goalie Jon Gillies' 23
11 saves, and the superb play provided by forwards Noel Acciari, the Hockey East Gladiator Best
12 Defensive Forward of the Year, and Shane Luke, and Defenseman Tom Parisi, all of whom were
13 named to the All-Regional Team. Noel Acciari was also named the Most Outstanding Player of
14 the Regional; and

15 WHEREAS, The Friars were also led all season by the outstanding goaltending provided
16 by Junior goaltender Jon Gillies who was selected as a Hockey East First Team All-Star and the
17 league's Stop It Goaltending Champion. Jon posted a stellar 1.95 goals against average and a .931
18 save percentage, both of which ranked seventh in the nation. In Hockey East regular season
19 games, Jon posted the sixth-best goals-against-average (1.74) and fifth best save percentage

1 (.939) in league history Jon was twice named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Month and
2 was a three-time choice as the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week. Jon is also the Friars
3 all-time leader in goaltender shutouts and career goals-against average; and

4 WHEREAS, The Friars achievements thus far this season were made possible by a roster
5 of young men who always put team goals ahead of individual goals all season. The Friars were
6 blessed by the abundant contributions made by Captains Noel Acciari and Ross Mauermann,
7 Nick Saracino, Shane Luke, Trevor Mingoia, Mark Jankowski, Brandon Tanev, Tom Parisi, Brian
8 Pinho, Jake Walman, Kevin Rooney, Steven McParland, Anthony Florentino, John Gilmour, Josh
9 Monk, Brooks Behling, Kyle McKenzie, Mark Adams, Logan Day, Niko Rufo, Robbie
10 Hennessey, Stefan Demopoulos, Brendan Leahy, Nick Ellis, Conor MacPhee, Truman Reed,
11 Drew Brown, Alex Cromwell, and Jon Gillies. The Friars also benefitted all season by from the
12 innovative coaching and spirited leadership provided by Head Coach Nate Leaman, Associate
13 Head Coach Steve Miller, Assistant Coach Kris Mayotte, Coordinator of Men's Hockey
14 Operations Kyle Murphy, and Goaltending Coach Jim McNiff; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Providence College Men's Hockey Team on
17 winning the NCAA Hockey Tournament East Regional Final, and wishes them continued success
18 in the Frozen Four in Boston; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Providence College Men's Hockey Team Head
21 Coach Nate Leaman.

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