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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM  
ON WINNING THE 2013-2014 RHODE ISLAND BOYS' HOCKEY DIVISION I  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Senator Frank S.Lombardi

Date Introduced: June 16, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The Cranston High School West Boys' Hockey Team rode a late season hot  
2 streak to win their first State Championship since 2009, when they won the Division I-A Title;  
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4           WHEREAS, After winning their last two regular season games and sweeping Coventry in  
5 the playoff semi-finals, Cranston West faced Burrillville for the Championship in a hard-fought  
6 three game series; and

7           WHEREAS, After winning game one convincingly by the score of 6-3, and dropping  
8 game two 5-4, the Cranston West Falcons, with everything on the line, arguably played their best  
9 game of the season, and defeated Burrillville 3-0 in the deciding game of the series at Brown  
10 University's Meehan Auditorium to win the Division I State Title; and

11           WHEREAS, In the deciding game, Junior goaltender Anthony Lancellotti, along with  
12 defensemen Rudy Branca, Ryan Beliveau, Matt Botelho and Adam Turenne, shut the door on  
13 Burrillville's attackers, not allowing a single goal. Sophomore forward Austin Alzate scored two  
14 clutch goals and Ryan Beliveau scored an empty net goal to clinch the game and the State  
15 Championship for Cranston West; and

16           WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in any team sport requires that everyone on the team  
17 be completely committed towards the proposition that personal goals come secondary to what is  
18 best for the team, and the Cranston West Boys' Hockey Team were filled with young men such as  
19 Patrick J. Bowry, Patrick Bowry, Alfred D. Colby, David M. Cushman, Jared J. DiFusco,

1 Zachary C. French, Matthew J. Fryer, Nathan F. Magner, Joseph Mee, Robert J. Russell, Hunter  
2 A. Sampson, Ryan J. Santosuosso, Matthew J. Sepe, Chad W. Silvia, Anthony Lancellotti,  
3 Captain Rudolph Branca, Zachary N. Torres, Brian Limoges, Nicholas W. Kopsick, Austin A.  
4 Alzate, Ryan J. Beliveau, Ryan Perry, Captain Adam Turenne, Captain Anthony Simeone,  
5 Mitchell D. Smith, Captain John Zito, Jacob R. Pagnozzi, Samuel G. Dulieu, Travis Collins,  
6 Christopher Vicario, Matthew Botelho, William Santosuosso, Kyle B. Poland, and Andrew T.  
7 Phillips, who gave everything they had in support of team goals; and

8 WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in a team sport is also dependent upon having a  
9 coaching staff that has the ability to motivate its team to get the most out of each player's  
10 potential, as well as being skilled in game strategies and incorporating innovative training  
11 techniques to keep each player sharp and prepared for every game. Cranston West Head Coach  
12 Michael Boyajian and Assistant Coach Matthew Brannon were both quite skilled in their  
13 coaching abilities and proved to be superb leaders and teachers of these young men; now,  
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
16 hereby congratulates the Cranston West Boys' Hockey Team on winning the 2013-2014 Rhode  
17 Island Boys' Hockey Division I Championship; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cranston West Boys' Hockey Head Coach  
20 Michael Boyajian.

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