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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON
WINNING THE NCAA TOURNAMENT EAST REGIONAL, PLAYED AT THE DUNKIN
DONUTS CENTER, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE FROZEN
FOUR IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson, and Picard

Date Introduced: April 11, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team had an outstanding
2 regular season, finishing in a tie for second place in the always difficult and elite Hockey East
3 Conference; and

4 WHEREAS, The Friars were led all season by a superbly stingy defense that gave up the
5 fewest goals in Hockey East Conference play thanks in large part to the outstanding goaltending
6 provided by Hayden Hawkey who was named a semi-finalist for the Mike Richter Award, which
7 is given annually to the most Outstanding Goalie in NCAA Men's Hockey. The Friars have also
8 been aided all season by a shutdown defensive corps led by Jacob Bryson who was named a
9 Second Team All-Star, and the recipient of the Len Cegliarski Sportsmanship Award, and Vince
10 Desharnais, who was named the "47 Brand Best Defensive Defenseman" after blocking 54 shots
11 and compiling a plus-minus of (+23); and

12 WHEREAS, The Friars tied for second for most goals scored in conference with the
13 primary catalyst for that success being Junior Forward Josh Wilkins who has led the team thus far
14 with 19 goals and 45 points. Josh was named a New England Men's Division I All-Star and just
15 compiled his third consecutive 30-plus points season. He went on to be named the NCAA East
16 Region's Most Outstanding Player. Also excelling on offense this season have been Forward
17 Brandon Duhaime, a Third Team All-Conference selection, and Jack Dugan, a Hockey East All-
18 Rookie choice; and

1 WHEREAS, In the NCAA East Regional Finals played in Providence at the Dunkin
2 Donuts Center, Providence College faced number one seed Minnesota State in the first game and
3 put together a comeback for the ages as they stormed back from a 3-0 deficit to score six straight
4 goals and defeat the regional favorite. In the Elite Eight game, Providence College thrashed
5 Cornell University by the score of 4-0 to advance to the Frozen Four; and

6 WHEREAS, The Friars Men’s Hockey Team has been led all season by the excellent
7 coaching and leadership provided by Head Coach Nate Leaman. Since taking the helm as Head
8 Coach in the 2011-2012 season, Coach Leaman has led the Friars to six consecutive NCAA
9 Tournament berths, and a National Championship in 2015. He won the Spencer Penrose Award in
10 2011 as the Division I National Coach of the Year, and was named a finalist for the award in
11 2015 and 2016; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby congratulates the Providence College Friars Men’s Ice Hockey Team on winning the East
14 Region of the NCAA Tournament and wishes them continued success in the Frozen Four; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Head Coach Nate Leaman, Providence College
18 Men’s Ice Hockey Team.

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