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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE  
2016 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION III BOYS' HOCKEY TITLE**

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Winfield, Keable, Kennedy, and Abney

Date Introduced: April 27, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Ponaganset Boys' Hockey Team had an outstanding regular season,  
2 compiling a sterling 17-1 record and outscoring their opposition 106 to 18. The Chieftains  
3 accomplished these feats despite being a young squad playing nine freshman and only having  
4 four seniors. They are a hard-skating and hard-working team that always plays with pride,  
5 passion, and determination and always exhibits the utmost sportsmanship on the ice; and

6           WHEREAS, The Chieftains won their first Boys' Hockey State Championship in sixteen  
7 years, thoroughly dominating tournament play as they swept Warwick Vets in the Semifinals, and  
8 swept West Warwick/Exeter-West Greenwich Co-op in the State Championship. Ponaganset was  
9 led in the playoffs by the outstanding play of their sophomore goaltender, Curtis Briggs, who  
10 stopped 34 of 35 shots in the two championship games. They were also ably assisted by the play  
11 of senior Ethan Sederback, their regular season MVP, and by the leadership provided by senior  
12 Nathan Morin, the winner of the Chieftains' Sportsmanship Award; and

13           WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in a team sport is a difficult task, one that requires that  
14 every member of the team be willing to put individual desires aside in order to accomplish team  
15 goals. In the 2015-2016 hockey season, the Ponaganset Boys' Hockey Team had those attributes  
16 in abundance, as they were led all season by players Braedyn Demarco, Brett Marceau, Matthew  
17 Carlson, Quint Bonin, Drew Briggs, Matthew Mienertz, Ryan Watts, Nathan Watts, Elijah  
18 Wiggill, Nikolaus Goff, Joshua Soares, Jacob Lincourt, Ethan Sederback, Joshua Dalessio,  
19 Thomas Caine, Dan Richardson, Nathan Morin, Nicholas Ferrucci, Tate Schaefer, and Curtis

1 Briggs; and

2 WHEREAS, Ponaganset also benefited all season from the superb coaching and  
3 leadership provided by Head Coach Daniel Morin, Assistant Coach David Plante, and Volunteer  
4 Coaches Roger Briggs, William Lincourt, and Steve Winsor; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby congratulates the Ponaganset  
6 Boys' Hockey Team on winning the 2016 Rhode Island Division III Boys' Hockey Title; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Daniel Morin, Head Coach, Ponaganset  
10 Boys' Hockey Team.

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