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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**CONGRATULATING THE NORTH SMITHFIELD BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING
THE RHODE ISLAND 2016 DIVISION II BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Keable, Morin, Winfield, and Casey

Date Introduced: May 03, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The North Smithfield Boys' Hockey Team, the defending Division II State
2 Champions, compiled an outstanding regular season divisional record of 13-5 and entered the
3 State Tournament as a three seed. The Northmen proceeded to sweep both Toll Gate and East
4 Greenwich to earn a berth in the finals against arch-rival Portsmouth; and

5 WHEREAS, In the hard fought state finals against Portsmouth, the two schools split the
6 first two games. In the deciding game, the Northmen stifled Portsmouth's offense with stellar
7 goaltending and a strong fore check, and pounced on opportunities to score three goals and to
8 repeat as State Champions in convincing fashion by the score of 3 to 0; and

9 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in a team sport is a difficult
10 accomplishment, one requiring that every member of the team gives their all and unselfishly puts
11 team goals ahead of personal aspirations. The North Smithfield Boys' Hockey Team had those
12 qualities in abundance as they were led all season by the significant contributions provided by
13 Captains Matthew R. Barrette, Kyle V. Evangelista, and Riley A. Boucher, along with teammates
14 Deven T. Cote, Matthew S. Pasquariello, Andrew M. LaBelle, Adam Blakemore, Evan T. Moran,
15 Zachary Q. Racine, Nathan Lemoine, Jack A. Losardo, Keith J. Fineout, Nicholas P. Degnan,
16 Chase Tondreau, Noah R. Menard, Garet Reilly, Noah Darveau, Dante T. Driscoll, and Sean M.
17 Murphy. North Smithfield also benefitted all season by the exemplary leadership and coaching
18 provided by Head Coach Paul Nadeau and Assistant Coach James DeCelles; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the North Smithfield Boys' Hockey Team on
2 winning the Rhode Island 2016 Division II Boys' State Championship; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Paul Nadeau, Head Coach, North
5 Smithfield Boys' Hockey Team.

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