

No. R-120. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I boys' ice hockey championship team.

(H.C.R.90)

Offered by: Representatives Parent of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, and Keenan of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Degree and Branagan

Whereas, from 1969–2016, the Bellows Free Academy-St Albans (BFA-St. Albans) Bobwhites boys' ice hockey team appeared in a championship final 25 times, brought the Division I ice hockey title home to St. Albans 17 times, including seven straight State championships from 1973–1979, and

Whereas, the Bobwhites entered the 2016–2017 season as defending State champions with an opportunity to win back-to-back titles for the first time since 1988, and

Whereas, BFA-St. Albans compiled a strong regular season record, earning an opportunity to face off against rival Spaulding High School for the 2017 State Championship at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, and

Whereas, the Bobwhites scored first and their stellar goaltending kept the Crimson Tide scoreless into the third period when, in quick succession, Spaulding tied the score and BFA-St. Albans then secured the game's final goal, a 2-1 victory, a back-to-back Division I championship, and its 18th overall championship title, and

Whereas, Bobwhites Garrett Boudreau, Jake Hall, Owen Hungerford, Griffin Knapp, Connor Wood, Keegan Streeter, Hunter Laroe, Ethan Bonnette, Mark Howrigan, Cooper Cioffi, Collin Manahan, Owen Deslauriers, Colby Brouillette, Zachary Savage, Noah Rouleau, Isaac Cioffi, Hayden Fersing, Mason Yandow, Logan Lanfear, Killian Shea-Smith, Noah Vincelette, Parker Gratton, Dominic Liscinsky, Chaez Skeels, Derek Nadeau, Tyler Laroche, and Daniel Ellis formed a cohesive and powerful ice hockey team, and

Whereas, Head Coach Toby Ducolon and assistant coaches Tom McDonald, Jon Malboeuf, Josh Corrigan, and Kevin Hurlbut served the Bobwhites as knowledgeable instructors, and team managers Ian Manahan, Anthony Liscinsky, and Mike Walsh were always helpful, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Bobwhites Division I championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.