

No. R-149. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.100)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Howrigan of Fairfield, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans (BFA) girls' ice hockey team has become synonymous with the word championship, and

Whereas, this past winter, the Comets once again deployed a great group of young skaters who mastered the game's playing maneuvers, and

Whereas, when the playoffs started, the third-seeded Comets enthusiastically opened their latest quest for the Division I title with great anticipation of success, and

Whereas, when the preliminary playoff rounds had concluded, the Comets and the first-seeded Crimson Tide of Spaulding Union High School, the same two teams that faced off in the 2010 Division I title game, were the contenders in the championship game played at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, and

Whereas, while Spaulding twice defeated BFA 2–1 this season, the first period of their return championship engagement ended in a scoreless tie, and

Whereas, the decisive second period featured an 80-second span that encompassed both of the game's goals, and

Whereas, a Comet grabbed a loose puck and executed a backhand shot into an open side of the net, placing BFA on the scoreboard with a 1–0 lead, and soon thereafter, another BFA player broke over the Spaulding blue line and launched a long shot that bounced off the Spaulding goalie’s left pad and landed in the goal for the Comet’s second and the game’s last point, and with the added boost of 21 great saves from their goalie, the Comets captured the eighth Division I title in the past 10 years, and

Whereas, Comets Sydney Chadwick, Tori Hubbard, Rachel Hubbard, Aly Hardy, Mercedes Blais, Kendra Williams, Kate Howard, Abbi Boomhover, Lauren Wooster, Ali Evans, Missy Garceau, Taylor Girard, Hanna Lovelette, Desiree Hurlbut, Jennifer Deso, Chelsea Ellis, Morgan Dodd, Danielle Schreiner, and Shanley Howrigan were a united team and appreciated the support of Head Coach Luke Cioffi, assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau and Keane Yandow, and team managers Sam Manahan and Amanda Beauregard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls’ ice hockey team, and be it further

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