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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM ON
WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND BOYS' STATE DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, and Kettle

Date Introduced: April 27, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Ponaganset Boys' Hockey Team had an outstanding 2015-2016 season,
2 compiling a sterling 21-1 record and easily winning the Rhode Island Boys' Hockey Division III
3 Title; and

4 WHEREAS, Ponaganset entered the State Tournament seeded first and easily dispatched
5 Warwick Vets in the first round, sweeping them two games to zero by winning the first game by
6 the score of 6 to 2, and winning the clinching game by shutting out Warwick Vets by the score of
7 5 to 0, to reach a title series for the first time in nine years; and

8 WHEREAS, Ponaganset faced their arch-rivals, the West Warwick/Exeter/West
9 Greenwich co-op team for the state championship in games played at Brown University's Meehan
10 Auditorium. In the first game, a two to nothing victory for Ponaganset, the Chieftains were aided
11 by the superb play in net by goaltender Curtis Briggs, who was also named the Most Valuable
12 Player in the series, stopping 34 of the 35 shots he faced. The game winner in game one was
13 scored by Senior Nathan Morin. In the second game of the series, Ponaganset emerged victorious
14 by the score of 3 to 1 to sweep the series and win its first boys' hockey championship in sixteen
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship in a team sport is an extremely difficult feat
17 to accomplish and doing so requires that every member of the team give all of themselves to the
18 team and, at all times, put team needs and goals ahead of individual desires. The 2015-2016
19 Ponaganset Boys' Hockey Team had those qualities in abundance as they were led all year by

1 Team Captains Ethan Sederback and Nathan Morin, along with Greg Jason, Braedyn Demarco,
2 Brett Marceau, Matthew Carlson, Quint Bonin, Drew Briggs, Matthew Mienertz, Ryan Watts,
3 Nathan Watts, Elijah Wiggill, Nikolaus Goff, Jake Pickersgill, Joshua Soares, Jacob Lincourt,
4 Joshua Dalessio, Thomas Caine, Dan Richardson, Nicholas Ferrucci, Tate Schaefer, and Curtis
5 Briggs. The team also benefitted all season from the exemplary coaching provided by Head
6 Coach, Daniel Morin, and Assistant Coach, David Plante; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby congratulates the Ponaganset Boys' Hockey Team on winning the Rhode Island Boys'
9 State Division III Championship; and be it further

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

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