

No. R-206. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Shamrocks on winning the New England and National 2013 USA Hockey Tier II-U16 championships.

(H.C.R.155)

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Ellis of Waterbury, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, O'Brien of Richmond, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, USA Hockey offers boys and girls the opportunity to compete in ice hockey competition while still playing on their high school teams, and

Whereas, in the Tier II girls 16 and under (U16) competition, the Vermont Shamrocks roster includes top female high school ice hockey players from throughout the region who attend Beekmantown High School in New York, BFA-St. Albans, Champlain Valley Union High School, Chazy Rural School in New York, Essex High School, Harwood Union High School, Lake Region Union High School, Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Missisquoi Valley Union High School, North Country Union High School, Northfield Mt. Herman in Massachusetts, and South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, in their third appearance in the New England championship game, the Shamrocks experienced the luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day as they defeated the New Hampshire Lady Cyclones 3-0 in an exciting contest played at the Bank of Maine Ice Vault in Hallowell, Maine, and

Whereas, as the New England champions, the Shamrocks traveled to San Jose, California for the national tournament, where they earned a coveted berth in the championship game, and

Whereas, in the exciting national championship contest against the Potsdam Ice Storm, the Vermont Shamrocks, undeterred after initially trailing 1-0, shot four unanswered goals to skate their way to a 4-1 victory and clinch the team's first USA Hockey Tier II-U16 national championship, and

Whereas, the Vermont Shamrocks' talented roster consisted of Tiffany Barnes, Whitney Bernier, Molly Burke, Corrina Cota, Molly Dunphy, Aliza Ellis, Chelsea Ellis, Victoria Gibson, Morgan Lamos, Cailee LaPorte, Amy LoTemplo, Michaela Martin, Hayley Martini, Taylor Morley, Rachel Morse, Courtney Peyko, Rachel Pitcher, Jade Remillard, and Laura Rollins, and

Whereas, Coach Patrick Burke and Assistant Coaches Dan Ellis and Joe LoTemplo, Manager Deborah LaPorte, and Multimedia Advisor Des Hurlbutt all contributed to this special occasion on the ice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Shamrocks on winning the 2013 New England and National USA Hockey Tier II-U16 championships, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Shamrocks.