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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team and Coach Kevin Houle upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team are the 2014 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Champions; and

WHEREAS, After falling behind 1-0, the top-ranked Plattsburgh Cardinals recorded eight unanswered goals in a 9-2 rout of No. 2 Norwich in the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship final at the Stafford Ice Arena on Saturday, March 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Kevin Houle, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team, competing in the Final Four for the third consecutive year, clinched one of only three National Championship Titles in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, The Cardinals tied the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey record and set a new Plattsburgh State record for single-season wins (28); and

WHEREAS, In addition, the team set new NCAA Division III Women's Hock-

ey records for fewest goals allowed in a season (19), fewest goals allowed per game (.63) and lowest goals-against average (.63); and WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 28-1-1, is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kevin Houle has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Kevin Houle and his outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team; its members: Jordan Lipson, Mia Favretto, Alyssa Parke, Maggie Kolcon, Jenny Kistner, Allison Era, Katelyn Turk, Tyne Gove, Lizzie Aveson, Morgan MacInnis, Chelsea VanGlahn, Julia Duquette, Shannon Stewart, Caitlin Gilligan, Giovanna Senese, Bridget Balisy, Andrea Ziesmann, Mel Ames, Sara Lanni, Jordan Caldwell, Cami Leonard, Ally Ross, Sydney Aveson, Ali Vakos; Coach Kevin Houle and Assistant Coach Danielle Blanchard, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team, Coach Kevin Houle and Assistant Coach Danielle Blanchard.