

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team upon the occasion of capturing the New England Hockey League National Division 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, Following a big 6-1 win over the Wizards at Frear Park on Saturday, March 9, 2013, the 2001 Troy/Albany Titans traveled to the Cyclones Arena in Hudson, New Hampshire to take on No. 2 Assabet Valley and defeated them 7-5; and

WHEREAS, That victory set up the final game on Sunday, March 10 vs. No.1 Pro Ambitions; again, the Titans went up 2-0 early in the game and held on for the big 2-1 win; the New England Hockey League National Division Championship caps a great season which saw the 2001 Titans consistently ranked in the top three all year; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Brian Mason and Assistant Coach John O'Bryan, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-6-2 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 Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team from the opening game of the season to the New England Hockey League National Division Championship were a brotherhood 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Brian Mason and Assistant Coach John O'Bryan have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Brian Mason and Assistant Coach John O'Bryan, and the Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team's 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 Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team, its members: Carter Hansen, Natalie Tulchinsky, Tony Cotugno, Egan Schmitt, Alex Boggess, Sean Speck, Jack O'Bryan, Scott Matson, Jared Hunter, Tristan Shelhamer, Steven Schmitt, Patrick Trippany, Sebastian Geiger, Jake Sternbach and Travis Rathwell; and Head Coach Brian Mason and Assistant Coach John O'Bryan, Scheduler Kathy O'Bryan, and Manager Steffani Cotugno on their New England Hockey League National Division Championship and their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaching staff of the Troy/Albany Titans 2001 Youth Hockey Team.