

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 for the third consecutive year

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 is the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey National Champions for the third consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, The top-ranked Cardinals capped their three-peat with a 5-1 win over Wisconsin-River Falls in the NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship at the Stafford Ice Arena on Saturday, March 19, 2016; this momentous win was clinched at the 6:05 mark of the third period; and

WHEREAS, The Plattsburgh Women's Ice Hockey Team is one of only two teams to capture three consecutive national titles; and

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

WHEREAS, The Plattsburgh State Women's Ice Hockey Team has won the coveted National Title five times in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 29-1-0 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 and Assistant Coach Danielle Blanchard have 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 Coaches Houle and Blanchard and their 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, Megan Delay, Elizabeth Viola, Maci Hoskins, Nicole Mensi, Katelyn Turk, Kayla Meneghin, Mackenzie Millen, Ashley Songin, Julia Duquette, Courtney Moriarty, Karen Hudson, Giovanna Senese, Bridget Balisy, Andrea Ziesmann, Melissa Ames, Melissa Sheeran, Muna Fadel, Erin Brand, Camille Leonard, Kassi Abbott, Olivia Fox, and Caitlin Gilligan; 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.