

BY: M. of A. Jenne

CONGRATULATING Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Matt Desrosiers upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey National Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team and Head Coach Matt Desrosiers upon the occasion of capturing the 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey National Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Golden Knights defeated the University of Wisconsin in an exciting 3-0 shutout to capture the Championship on Sunday, March 19, 2017, in Saint Charles, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, This monumental win marked the top-ranked Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team's second NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey National Championship in four years; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Knights had advanced to the National Championship by edging two-time defending National Champion Minnesota 4-3 in the Frozen Four semi-finals in a game they never trailed; and

WHEREAS, Prior to that, Clarkson University had earned a trip to the Frozen Four with a 3-1 victory over Cornell University in the NCAA quarterfinals just a week after winning their first ECAC tournament crown a week earlier with a 1-0 victory over Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team won its third regular season ECAC title during the 2016-2017 season; and

WHEREAS, The Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team's performance on and off the ice has reflected favorably on the players, their families, Clarkson University, the university's athletic program, the Potsdam community, the North Country as a whole, and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and gold, family, friends, fans, alumni, the Clarkson Pep Band, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Golden Knights throughout their journey; they finished their second championship season in the 14-year history of the program with a 32-4-5 overall record, including a 19-1-2 First place ECAC Hockey mark; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as ice hockey, which demands athletic

prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Matt Desrosiers and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the ice; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Matt Desrosiers and Assistant Coaches Britni Smith and Tony Maci and all of the outstanding athletes on the Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team: Corie Jacobson, Jessica Gillham, Genevieve Bannon, Cayley Mercer, McKenzie Johnson, Shea Tiley, Brielle Bellerive, Katelyn Fournier, Amanda Titus, Savannah Harmon, Lauren Lefler, Loren Gabel, Emma Keenan, Cassidy Vinkle, Rhyen McGill, Kelly Mariani, Josiane Pozzebon, Michaela Pejzlova, Ella Shelton, Katherine Beaumier, Taylor Turnquist and Jenna Brenneman; Head Coach Matt Desrosiers; Assistant Coaches Britni Smith and Tony Maci, Strength and Conditioning Coach Tad Johnson; Equipment Manager Logan Fischer, and Trainer Alana Alpert; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Clarkson University Women's Ice Hockey Team, Head Coach Matt Desrosiers, Assistant Coaches Britni Smith and Tony Maci, Strength and Conditioning Coach Tad Johnson, Equipment Manager Logan Fischer, and Trainer Alana Alpert.