

No. R-167. House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University ice hockey coach extraordinaire Mike McShane.

(H.C.R.132)

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, and Poirier of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, as the third-leading scorer in the history of the University of New Hampshire Wildcats' varsity ice hockey, Mike McShane was a natural to embark on a coaching career, and following graduation, he polished his teaching skills, earning a master's degree in education at Boston University, and

Whereas, Mike McShane accepted his first coaching job at New Hampton Prep School in New Hampshire, securing three Division I prep championships, and

Whereas, as an assistant coach at Dartmouth College, Mike McShane helped the Big Green win two Ivy League titles and advance to the semifinals of the NCAA Division I ice hockey championships, and

Whereas, after success coaching at St. Lawrence University and Providence College, including 1989 New England Coach of the Year recognition, Mike McShane arrived at Norwich University to coach the 1995–1996 season, and

Whereas, his 22-season Norwich record of 478–123–36 has far surpassed anyone's grandest expectations and represents an astounding .778 winning percentage, and his 36 seasons overall have resulted in a tally of 722–341–67, equaling an impressive .669 winning percentage, and

Whereas, among Mike McShane's many achievements are 24 coach of the year awards, including for the 2016–2017 NCAA Division III championship season being named the American Hockey Coaches Association's Ed Jeremiah National Division II–III Coach of the Year for a record fifth time and similar accolades from the New England Hockey Conference, USCHO.com, and the New England Hockey Writers Association, and

Whereas, Norwich, under his ice hockey stewardship, has won 18 of the last 19 New England Hockey Conference regular season titles and 12 post-season conference championships, and

Whereas, most demonstrative of Mike McShane's success as an ice hockey coach is his NCAA post-season record while at Norwich, featuring 16 appearances, including 12 in the decisive Frozen Four semifinals, and of course the four Division III championships in 2000, 2003, 2010, and 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Norwich University ice hockey coach extraordinaire Mike McShane, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Coach Mike McShane at Norwich University.