

**No. R-160. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship men's ice hockey team.**

(H.C.R.125)

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

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, for the 18th outing in the past 19 years, the New England Hockey Conference concluded its regular season with the Norwich University Cadets in the top slot, certainly an encouraging omen for the Cadets' NCAA Division III playoff aspirations, and

Whereas, the resurgent Cadets surprised many spectators unfamiliar with the squad's true potential, and

Whereas, Norwich secured a place on the championship game ice in Utica, New York against the Trinity College Bantams, and

Whereas, the Cadets broke a scoreless tie early in the middle frame, and although the Bantams soon tied the game at 1–all, Norwich regained the lead just over three minutes later and at the final buzzer emerged with a 4–1 victory, the 2017 NCAA Division III championship, the team's fourth, and the extension of a school record 25 consecutive-game unbeaten streak, and

Whereas, these persevering Norwich Cadets were Braeden Ostepchuk, David Robertson, Cody Smith, Connor Evangelista, Alec Brandrup, Brian Rowland, Cam Beecy, Taeron Lewis, Jack Griffin, TJ Dockery, Ian Williams, Todd Jackson, Paul Russell, Kevin Salvucci, Christian Thompson, Anthony Flaherty, Trent Dillinger, William Pelletier, Tyler Piacentini, Jake Erickson, Nick Pichette, Dmitry Ermakov, Payton Baldillez, Austin Surowiec, Josh Cronin, Ty Reichenbach, and Tom Aubrun, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike McShane and assistant coaches Steve Mattson, Alec Thieda, and Bryce Currier deserve special acknowledgment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship men's ice hockey team, and be it further

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