

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
15, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the success and achievement of the Wilkes-
2 Barre/Scranton Jr. Knights Hockey Club in winning the USA
3 Hockey National Championship on April 1, 2012.

4 WHEREAS, The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Jr. Knights Hockey Club
5 began in 2005 as an opportunity for aspiring young athletes in
6 northeastern Pennsylvania to enjoy the sport of ice hockey in a
7 safe, challenging and educational environment; and

8 WHEREAS, The goal of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Jr. Knights
9 Hockey Club is to provide players the opportunity to compete at
10 a higher level throughout youth hockey, open doors for players
11 and access outlets beyond local youth hockey, including prep
12 school, junior, college and even professional hockey and most
13 importantly, help each hockey player attain personal and
14 emotional awareness, growth and an overall feeling of success
15 and knowledge that each can use throughout life; and

16 WHEREAS, The team achieved success and an experience all of

1 their players and fans will remember for a lifetime by winning
2 the USA Hockey National Championship with a hard fought 4-2
3 victory on Sunday, April 1, 2012, over the St. Louis Blues; and

4 WHEREAS, Along with the National Championship, the team also
5 won the Rochester Invitational in Rochester, New York; the Bauer
6 Invite in Chicago, Illinois; the Nations Cup in Lansing,
7 Michigan; the Silver Stick in Detroit, Michigan; the Atlantic
8 Youth Hockey League Season Championship, the USA Hockey Atlantic
9 District Championship and the USA Hockey National Championship
10 in Buffalo, New York; and

11 WHEREAS, The team earned a record of 71-4-7 with team members
12 Nicholas Valardo, Gavin Lewis, Paul DeNaples, Ryan Flanagan,
13 David Eifert, Danial Sprong, Eugene Fadyeyev, Ivan Provorov,
14 Denis Smirnov, Louis DeNaples, Alex Rowella, Patrick West,
15 Nikita Pavlychev, Jean-Sebastien TAILLEFER, Elijah Latimer,
16 Marcus Joseph, Derek Hamelin, Nikita Anistratenko, Michael
17 Morrissey and Cody Petawabano; and

18 WHEREAS, The team is led by Head Coach Alex Vasko, Assistant
19 Coach Scott Lewis and Manager Ann Morrissey; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
21 success and achievement of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Jr. Knights
22 Hockey Club in winning the USA Hockey National Championship on
23 April 1, 2012, and the many other victories the team and its
24 players have attained throughout the season; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
26 team and its staff in working throughout the playing season to
27 provide the players and their families with lifelong learning
28 experiences that can help them attain success throughout their
29 lives.