

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins on winning the National
2 Hockey League's 2016 Stanley Cup Finals.

3 WHEREAS, On June 12, 2016, the Pittsburgh Penguins used goals
4 by Brian Dumoulin and Kris Letang and an empty-netter by Patric
5 Hornqvist to defeat the San Jose Sharks 3-1 in Game 6 of the
6 Stanley Cup Finals to complete one of the more impressive in-
7 season transformations in National Hockey League (NHL) history
8 and win the 2016 Stanley Cup championship; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Penguins victory in the 2016 Stanley
10 Cup Finals marked the City of Pittsburgh's 15th major sports
11 championship; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the previous two
13 Eastern Conference Champions, the New York Rangers and the Tampa
14 Bay Lightning, and then went on to defeat the Washington
15 Capitals in the Eastern Conference Finals to clinch a trip to
16 the 2016 Stanley Cup Finals; and

17 WHEREAS, After a shaky start to the 2015-2016 NHL season and

1 a coaching change, Mike Sullivan was named head coach of the
2 Pittsburgh Penguins on December 12, 2015, and led the team to
3 the 2016 Stanley Cup championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Penguins earned their 10th
5 consecutive playoff appearance during the 2015-2016 NHL season;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Team Captain Sidney Crosby won the Conn Smythe
8 Trophy for the most valuable player during the 2016 Stanley Cup
9 playoffs and won his second career Stanley Cup championship,
10 adding to his illustrious professional hockey career that also
11 includes two Olympic gold medals, a world hockey championship
12 and all of the NHL's major awards; and

13 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mario Lemieux and Ron
14 Burkle, the Pittsburgh Penguins have become one of the premier
15 franchises in the NHL; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Penguins victory in the 2016 Stanley
17 Cup Finals is the 4th Stanley Cup championship in Pittsburgh
18 Penguins franchise history, the last championship occurring in
19 2009; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
21 Pittsburgh Penguins on winning the National Hockey League's 2016
22 Stanley Cup Finals.