

**No. R-134. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Barre Blades Pee Wee B hockey team on winning the Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association championship.**

(H.C.R.109)

Offered by: Representatives Toll of Danville, Koch of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City and Taylor of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Kitchel and Pollina

Whereas, in 17 years, the Barre Youth Sports Association boys' hockey teams have not won a state championship, and

Whereas, the Barre Blades Pee Wee B team commenced the 2011 Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association's tournament with a loss, and

Whereas, the team battled through the loser's bracket of this double elimination tournament, winning seven straight games, and

Whereas, on February 13, 2011, the Barre Blades Pee Wee B team played in the final championship game against the originally undefeated team, and

Whereas, the opponent scored a goal first, followed by a goal from the Barre Blades, and

Whereas, two more goals were scored by the opposing team, and the Barre Blades scored one more goal, leaving the opposing team leading by one goal late in the third period, and

Whereas, the Barre Blades did not despair, and with less than three minutes remaining in the game, the team tied the score, forcing an overtime period, and

Whereas, 23 seconds into the overtime period, the Barre Blades Pee Wee B team scored the winning goal, taking the first Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association's championship for a Barre Youth Sports Association hockey team in 17 years, and

Whereas, the Barre Blades Pee Wee B team consisting of Alex Arguin, Sam Barr, Nick Blow, Aaron Brier, Jake Couture, Peter Evans, Spencer Fewer, Isaac Kingwood, Marshall Lindley, Ryan Palmisano, and Ryan Vasseur fought hard, never gave up, and with determination and skill found a way to win the championship, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason LaCroix and assistant coach Todd Blow volunteered countless hours, showed exemplary dedication to this outstanding group of young men, shared their numerous skills, and enabled each young man to play to his maximum ability, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the 2011 Barre Blades Pee Wee B hockey team on winning the Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jason LaCroix and to Todd Blow.