

**No. R-313. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team.**

(H.C.R.255)

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

*Whereas*, the talented and collaborative Comets played skillfully all season, garnered the top playoff seed, and was undefeated during its regular season prior to the championship contest against third-seeded Essex, and

*Whereas*, having reached the decisive game in 2024 and 2025, and last year also against Essex, the 2026 Comets were determined to win this year's championship, and

*Whereas*, at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, the winning path was started at the 11:46 mark of the first period, when, on a power play, Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans scored its opening goal, and with great offensive and defensive play, never lost the lead, concluding the contest with a 3–1 victory, the Division I crown, and an 18-game undefeated streak, and

*Whereas*, the thrilled Comets (20–1–2) who skated strongly to the championship were Lily Desautels, Haylie Lanfear, Chatham Brouillette, Emma Caster, Lillian Ferraro, Kaylyn Hughes, Jillian Smith, Braelyn Fitzgerald, Isabella Stuart, Rylee LaRocque, Marion Pearson-Stanley, Marley Johnson, Hailey Aylward, Marah McGinn, Gabby Fraties, Aiyana Lamos, Makayla Couture, Reina Spaulding, Kali Cushing, Dahlia Steele, Anna Hibbard, Isabelle Mulheron, and Jenessa Yates, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Luke Cioffi and assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau, Chelsea Forsyth, Erin Shepard, Ben Lovelette, and Kriti Viens guided and inspired the team, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.