A HOUSE RESOLUTION congratulating Crown Point Varsity hockey team.

Whereas, The Crown Point Varsity hockey team won the 2019-2020 3A state championship on March 7, 2020, at Midwest Training & Ice Center in Hanover Township;

Whereas, The Bulldogs played great hockey as a single cohesive unit, winning against Indianapolis Brebeuf, 6-2;

Whereas, Six goals were made by six different goal scorers in what Northwest Indiana Times called a "depth that makes Crown Point dangerous";

Whereas, The members of the Crown Point Varsity hockey team include Evan Curry, Tucker Tone, Harry Wise, Kai Kekelik, Brendan Hegeduis, Cole Thompson, Donovan Hicks,
Devin Hicks, Connor Philipp, Matthew Royai, Gavin Houchin, Nickolas Crook, Tyler Philipp, Anthony Otten, Ryan Edgren, Conor Sivak, Daniel Dugan, Grant Walker, Noah Pollachek, and Joseph Gruber;

Whereas, Team captains Grant Walker and Brendan Hegeduis are seniors and finished the season with 12 goals and 10 assists and 21 goals and 23 assists, respectively;

Whereas, Assistant team captains Harry Wise and Nick Crook are seniors and finished the season with 4 goals and 4 assists and 17 goals and 13 assists, respectively;

Whereas, Goalie and senior Cole Thompson, with a solid defense provided in part by junior Conor Sivak and freshman Tyler Philipp, directly contributed to the team's success;

Whereas, Junior Joey Gruber was pivotal in scoring game winning goals during semi-state weekend against Culver B and big team rival Lake Central in overtime, finishing the season with 14 goals and 17 assists;

Whereas, Head coach Tim Philbin led the Bulldogs to their first state final win in 13 years;

Whereas, Coach Philbin and the Crown Point Varsity hockey team received essential support from assistant coach and Philbin's son, Bryan Philbin, assistant coaches Nick "Kaz" Kazmierczak and Tommy Merkelis, and goalie coach Dennis Biegel;

Whereas, Crown Point Varsity continues a proud tradition of hockey and community involvement in northern Indiana; and

Whereas, The Bulldogs' victory is their third overall state final win, and coach Tim Philbin believes the depth of skill on the team will result in continued success for years to come:

Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:
SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the Crown Point Varsity hockey team as 3A state final champions.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the office of State Representative Lisa Beck for distribution.