

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2891

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Ross, Sherrill, Weiss (Primary Sponsors);
Alexander, Brubaker, Fisher, Glazier, Gulley, Johnson, Justus, LaRoque,
Lewis, McLawhorn, Setzer, and Steen.

Referred to: w/o objection read & placed on the calendar pursuant to Rule 32(a).

June 21, 2006

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2006 STANLEY CUP CHAMPION
2 CAROLINA HURRICANES HOCKEY CLUB.

3 Whereas, the Stanley Cup, the oldest trophy competed for by professional
4 athletes in North America, was donated by Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston
5 and Governor General of Canada, in 1893; and

6 Whereas, Lord Stanley purchased the trophy for presentation to the amateur
7 hockey champions of Canada; and

8 Whereas, since 1910, when the National Hockey Association took possession
9 of the Stanley Cup, the trophy has been the symbol of professional hockey supremacy;
10 and

11 Whereas, in the year 1971, the World Hockey Association awarded a
12 franchise to the New England Whalers; and

13 Whereas, in 1979, the Whalers played their first regular-season National
14 Hockey League game; and

15 Whereas, in May 1997, Peter Karmanos, Jr., announced that the team would
16 relocate to Raleigh, North Carolina, and be renamed the Carolina Hurricanes; and

17 Whereas, on September 13, 1997, the Carolina Hurricanes played its first
18 preseason game in North Carolina at the Greensboro Coliseum against the New York
19 Islanders; and

20 Whereas, on October 29, 1999, the Carolina Hurricanes played its first game
21 in the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena, now known as the RBC Center; and

22 Whereas, on May 28, 2002, the Carolina Hurricanes won the Eastern
23 Conference Championship, winning its first trip to the Stanley Cup Finals; and

24 Whereas, on June 19, 2006, after playing 107 games and an impressive
25 52-22-8 regular-season record, the Hurricanes defeated the Montreal Canadiens in six
26 games to win the Eastern Conference Quarterfinals, the New Jersey Devils in five
27 games to win the Eastern Conference Semifinals, and the Buffalo Sabres in seven games
28 to win the Eastern Conference Finals; and

1 Whereas, the Hurricanes defeated the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 to conclude a
2 dramatic seven-game series to win, for the first time in franchise history, the Stanley
3 Cup and become National Hockey League Champions; and

4 Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes franchise, management, and players have
5 demonstrated the talent, skill, and determination that have set attendance records and
6 earned the affection and pride of all North Carolinians; and

7 Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes Stanley Cup roster of:

8 #8 Matt Cullen

9 #11 Justin Williams

10 #12 Eric Staal

11 #13 Ray Whitney

12 #14 Kevyn Adams

13 #16 Andrew Ladd

14 #17 Rod Brind'Amour

15 #18 Mark Recchi

16 #26 Eric Cole

17 #27 Craig Adams

18 #39 Doug Weight

19 #59 Chad LaRose

20 #61 Cory Stillman

21 #63 Josef Vasicek

22 #2 Glen Wesley

23 #4 Aaron Ward

24 #5 Frantisek Kaberle

25 #6 Bret Hedican

26 #7 Niclas Wallin

27 #22 Mike Commodore

28 #24 Andrew Hutchinson

29 #48 Anton Babchuk

30 #70 Oleg Tverdovsky

31 #29 Martin Gerber; and

32 #30 Cam Ward

33 distinguished themselves during the 2005-2006 season and in the playoffs, with Cam
34 Ward winning the Conn Smythe Trophy as the Most Valuable Player to his team in the
35 playoffs;

36 Whereas, team management, led by head coach Peter Laviolette, assistant
37 coaches Kevin McCarthy and Jeff Daniels, general manager Jim Rutherford, team
38 owner Peter Karmanos, and many many others, have all had an instrumental role in the
39 Canes' quest for the Cup; Now, therefore,

40 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

41 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina General Assembly honors the
42 accomplishments and dedication of the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Club, its owner,
43 and management in winning the 2006 Stanley Cup, in community service for its

1 charitable efforts, and for its perseverance and dedication to do Whatever It Takes to
2 achieve its goals in a sportsmanlike manner.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
4 resolution to each member of the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Club and the team's
5 owner, Peter Karmanos, and head coach Peter Laviolette.

6 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.