

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 194

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins on winning the 2009 Stanley Cup
Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2009

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins on winning the 2009
Stanley Cup Championship.

Whereas, on June 12, 2009, the Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the Detroit Red Wings 2-to-1 in Game 7 of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals;

Whereas the victory marks the Penguins' third Stanley Cup Championship in franchise history and capped off a historic playoff series;

Whereas the Penguins are just the second team in league history to win the seventh game of a Stanley Cup Championship series on the road after the home team won the first 6 games of the series;

Whereas the Penguins beat the Washington Capitals in the Eastern Conference Semifinals and the Detroit Red

Wings in the Stanley Cup Championship after losing the first 2 games in both series, making the Penguins the only team in league history to rally from 2-to-0 series deficits twice in the same year;

Whereas Mario Lemieux is to be honored for his commitment to keeping the Penguins in Pittsburgh and passing along his legacy to a new generation of players and fans;

Whereas, in February 2009, the Penguins hired Head Coach Dan Bylsma from the Penguins' minor league franchise in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, making Bylsma the first coach in the history of the National Hockey League to begin a season coaching in the American Hockey League and finish a Stanley Cup champion;

Whereas Sidney Crosby, the youngest team captain to ever win the Stanley Cup, was third in scoring during the regular season, had a league-leading 15 playoff goals, and demonstrated leadership by taking the Penguins to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2 consecutive seasons;

Whereas, over the course of the playoffs, Evgeni Malkin led all players in scoring with 36 points, including 14 goals and 22 assists, and won the Conn Smythe trophy for most valuable player in the playoffs;

Whereas Max Talbot is to be commended for scoring the only 2 Penguins goals in the Game 7 victory over the Detroit Red Wings;

Whereas thousands of Penguins fans supported the team throughout the postseason, donning white t-shirts to create a "whiteout" effect at home games or gathering to watch the game on a big screen television outside Mellon Arena;

Whereas the Red Wings are to be commended for a terrific season, commitment to sportsmanship, and excellence on and off the ice; and

Whereas nearly 400,000 fans packed the streets of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 15, 2009, to honor the Penguins in a parade along Grant Street and the Boulevard of the Allies: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates—

3 (A) the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning
4 the 2009 Stanley Cup Championship;

5 (B) Mario Lemieux and the coaching staff
6 of the Penguins and support staff and recog-
7 nizes their commitment to keeping the team in
8 Pittsburgh;

9 (C) all Penguins fans who supported the
10 team throughout the season; and

11 (D) the Detroit Red Wings on an out-
12 standing season; and

13 (2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
14 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

15 (A) co-owners Mario Lemieux and Ron
16 Burkle;

17 (B) vice president and general manager
18 Ray Shero; and

19 (C) head coach Dan Bylsma.

○