

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 239

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the 2017 Stanley Cup
hockey championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2017

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

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the
2017 Stanley Cup hockey championship.

Whereas on June 11, 2017, the Pittsburgh Penguins won the
2017 Stanley Cup hockey championship;

Whereas the Penguins, in their 50th year playing in the Na-
tional Hockey League (referred to in this preamble as
“NHL”), won their fifth Stanley Cup;

Whereas the Penguins defeated the Western Conference
Champion Nashville Predators in the Stanley Cup Finals,
clinching the series with 4 wins and 2 losses;

Whereas the Penguins are the only NHL team to win back-
to-back Stanley Cup championships since the NHL insti-
tuted salary caps in 2005 and the first team to do so
since 1998;

Whereas the Penguins endured 3 tough opponents en route to the championship, defeating the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Washington Capitals, and the Ottawa Senators to clinch the Eastern Conference title and win their sixth Prince of Wales Trophy;

Whereas the city of Pittsburgh is fittingly nicknamed “The City of Champions”, highlighting the success of Pittsburgh professional sports teams, which have tallied 16 championships;

Whereas NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle have jointly owned the team for 18 years, saving the Penguins from relocation and maintaining the team for the city of Pittsburgh;

Whereas longtime Penguins radio announcer Mike Lange is beloved by loyal fans of the team for such expressions as “Lord Stanley, Lord Stanley, get me the brandy”;

Whereas Penguins Captain Sidney Crosby, who has shown immense leadership, commitment to the team, and unparalleled skill throughout his outstanding career, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the 2017 NHL Playoffs Most Valuable Player, his second Conn Smythe Trophy in 2 years;

Whereas goaltender Matt Murray dazzled throughout the playoffs, becoming the first goaltender to win 2 Stanley Cups as a rookie, shutting out the Nashville Predators for the final 126 minutes, 52 seconds, and setting a rookie record with 2 shutouts in the Final series;

Whereas goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury contributed to the defensive prowess of the team throughout the Stanley Cup Playoffs, playing in 15 games, including a memo-

able shutout performance in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Second Round; and

Whereas the entire Penguins roster contributed to the Stanley Cup victory, including Josh Archibald, Nick Bonino, Sidney Crosby, Matt Cullen, Jean-Sebastien Dea, Jake Guentzel, Carl Hagelin, Patric Hornqvist, Phil Kessel, Tom Kuhnhackl, Chris Kunitz, Evgeni Malkin, Kevin Porter, Carter Rowney, Bryan Rust, Tom Sestito, Conor Sheary, Dominik Simon, Daniel Sprong, Oskar Sundqvist, Garrett Wilson, Scott Wilson, Ian Cole, Frank Corrado, Trevor Daley, Brian Dumoulin, Cameron Gaunce, Ron Hainsey, Kris Letang, Olli Maatta, Derrick Pouliot, Chad Ruhwedel, Justin Schultz, Mark Streit, David Warsofsky, Marc-Andre Fleury, Tristan Jarry, Sean Maguire, and Matt Murray: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Pittsburgh Penguins and
3 the loyal fans of the Penguins for becoming the
4 2017 National Hockey League Stanley Cup cham-
5 pions; and

6 (2) respectfully directs the Secretary of the
7 Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
8 tion to—

9 (A) the co-owners of the Pittsburgh Pen-
10 guins, Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle, jointly;

11 (B) the President of the Pittsburgh Pen-
12 guins, David Morehouse; and

- 1 (C) the Head Coach of the Pittsburgh
- 2 Penguins, Mike Sullivan.

