

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Laredo Bucks ice hockey team won the 2006
2 President's Cup in the Central Hockey League (CHL), besting the
3 Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs by a commanding four-games-to-one
4 margin in the finals; and

5 WHEREAS, After proving their skill in the regular season by
6 posting an impressive record of 43 wins, 15 losses, and 6 ties, the
7 Bucks made quick work of their competitors in the playoffs, losing
8 just four games in the postseason; and

9 WHEREAS, This kind of dominance is nothing new for the Laredo
10 skaters; they have been to the President's Cup finals in each of the
11 last three years and claimed the CHL crown in both 2004 and 2006;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In the course of capturing this year's championship,
14 several Bucks earned special honors: Jeff Bes was selected as the
15 most valuable player in the playoffs and also took home the same
16 award from the CHL All-Star Game, Serge Dube was named the league's
17 most outstanding defenseman, head coach Terry Ruskowski was the CHL
18 Coach of the Year, and team owner Glenn Hart was given the Rick
19 Kozuback Award for his dedication to the sport; and

20 WHEREAS, The outstanding performance of the individual
21 honorees was matched by the total team effort that it took to win
22 the championship, with each player contributing to the Bucks'
23 success; the loyal Laredo fans were another crucial factor in the
24 2006 campaign; more than 5,000 people turned out for each home game,

1 on average, demonstrating the Gateway City's overwhelming
2 enthusiasm for hockey; and

3 WHEREAS, In winning their second championship in three years,
4 the Bucks have proven themselves to be an ice hockey powerhouse, and
5 their victory is one the players and fans may savor for years to
6 come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Laredo
9 Bucks for winning the Central Hockey League's 2006 President's Cup
10 and extend to the players and coaches sincere best wishes for
11 continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Raymond

H.R. No. 774

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 774 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House