

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the Acadiana Veterans Hockey (AVH) of Louisiana on winning the 2026 USA Hockey-Long Drink Warrior National Championship.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, April 26, 2026, AVH was crowned as Tier VIB champions in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, AVH's mission is to support military veterans by bringing them together through camaraderie, competition, and a shared passion for hockey in an effort to build a community in the heart of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the players of AVH representing every branch of the military and a wide range of life experiences are excited to step onto the ice and be part of something that matters, that connects them deeply to each other, and the community; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer, support local events, and work together to raise funds that allow the team to compete at higher levels while balancing careers, families, and life after service which is not easy; and

WHEREAS, AVH is built on a foundation of trust, respect, and shared experiences, it's a place where veterans are understood without explanation, where everyone is accepted, and where support extends far beyond the hockey rink; and

WHEREAS, when one teammate is struggling, the entire team stands behind them because it is more than a weekly practice or a game schedule; and

WHEREAS, AVH is a unique way of life, resembling a brotherhood and sisterhood that continues long after the final whistle; and

WHEREAS, behind every jersey is a life shaped by challenges, growth, and the bonds formed along life's way that deeply unites the AVH team members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Acadiana Veterans Hockey (AVH) of Louisiana on winning the 2026 USA Hockey-Long Drink Warrior National Championship Tier VIB.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
Acadiana Veterans Hockey Team.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE