

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 785

Commending and congratulating the Florida Panthers on winning the 2024 Stanley Cup Final.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the Florida Panthers on winning the 2024 Stanley Cup Final.

Whereas, on June 24, 2024, the Florida Panthers (referred to in this preamble as the “Panthers”) won the 2024 National Hockey League (referred to in this preamble as the “NHL”) Stanley Cup Final;

Whereas the 2024 NHL Stanley Cup Final is the first Stanley Cup Final won by the Panthers in the 30-year history of the Panthers franchise;

Whereas, on the way to winning the 2024 Stanley Cup Final, the Panthers defeated—

(1) in the first round of the playoffs, the Tampa Bay Lightning;

(2) in the second round of the playoffs, the Boston Bruins;

(3) in the Eastern Conference Finals to win the Prince of Wales Trophy, the New York Rangers; and

(4) in the Stanley Cup Final, the Edmonton Oilers;

Whereas, during the 2023–2024 NHL Season, the Panthers—

(1) won 52 games during the regular season and scored 268 goals; and

(2) had 2 players, Sam Reinhart (forward) and Sergei Bobrovsky (goaltender), represent the Panthers as All-Stars at the 2024 NHL All-Star Game in Toronto, Canada;

Whereas Aleksander Barkov of the Panthers won the Selke Trophy and was recognized as the best defensive forward in the NHL for the second time in his career;

Whereas the entire Panthers roster contributed to the 2024 Stanley Cup Final victory;

Whereas supporting the Panthers players was a team of coaches and support staff committed to enriching the South Florida community on and off the ice; and

Whereas the Panthers represent their loyal fans, the South Florida community, and the entire State of Florida with a commitment to excellence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates—

3 (A) the Florida Panthers for winning the

4 2024 National Hockey League Stanley Cup

5 Final; and

1 (B) the loyal fan base of the Florida Pan-
2 thers for their support throughout the 2023–
3 2024 season; and

4 (2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
5 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
6 tion to members of the Florida Panthers ownership,
7 management, and coaching staff, including—

8 (A) the chairman, owner, and governor of
9 the Florida Panthers, Vincent Viola, and his
10 family;

11 (B) the president and CEO of the Florida
12 Panthers, Matthew Caldwell; and

13 (C) the president of hockey operations and
14 general manager of the Florida Panthers, Bill
15 Zito, and the head coach of the Florida Pan-
16 thers, Paul Maurice.

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