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Senator Gleason Champions Red Wings' Advancement to Stanley Cup Finals

Resolution Acknowledges Team's Accomplishment, Economic Impact

LANSING —Sen. John Gleason (D-Flushing) offered a resolution today to congratulate the Detroit Red Wings and the Pittsburgh Penguins for making it to the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup Finals. The resolution was cosponsored by Senators Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt) and Randy Richardville (R-Monroe).

"We don't always agree on things here in Lansing," said Sen. Gleason. "But supporting our beloved Red Wings is something we can all get behind. Their success not only boosts our state's morale, but the economy as well, as everything from ticket and apparel sales to octopi purchases continues to rise with each game."

The four games played in the city of Detroit will provide a major lift to the local economy with increased traffic downtown. Sports bars and apparel stores all over the state are reaping the rewards of the Red Wings' continued success, and even increases in sales of octopi have been directly traced to the success of the Red Wings in the past.

Gleason's resolution states that in the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play, the State Senate wishes each team the best of luck as they play on their home ice, allowing the citizens of Pittsburgh and Detroit to support their teams over the duration of a long and competitive series.

The promise of a long and competitive series has yet to be realized as the Detroit Red Wings take a 2-0 lead into tonight's game in Pittsburgh. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has also gotten into the Hockeytown spirit, placing a friendly wager with Pennsylvania's Governor Edward G. Rendell on the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals. The governor of the losing team must be photographed enjoying a meal from the winning state while wearing the winning team's jersey, and the photo must be publicly released.

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