

Senate Resolution 847

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 1980 and 2026 United States Olympic Men's Hockey
2 Teams for their historic achievements and contributions to national unity; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, forty-six years ago, in a time of significant global and domestic challenge, a
5 group of amateur collegiate players representing the United States faced impossible odds to
6 defeat the dominant Soviet Union team in Lake Placid, New York, an event forever
7 enshrined in our national memory as the "Miracle on Ice"; and

8 WHEREAS, that 1980 victory served as a catalyst for hope, bringing a weary nation together
9 as citizens from all walks of life rooted for "our boys" to bring home the gold, proving that
10 American resilience can overcome any obstacle; and

11 WHEREAS, today, in the year 2026, history has repeated itself in spectacular fashion as the
12 United States Men's Hockey Team has once again captured the Olympic gold medal in
13 Milano-Cortina, Italy, defeating Canada in a thrilling overtime victory on February 22,
14 2026—the exact anniversary of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice"; and

15 WHEREAS, just as it did 46 years ago, this triumph has provided a profound moment of
16 unity for a divided nation, reminding all Americans that when we face adversity, we do not
17 falter, but we instead roll up our sleeves and get to work to improve our country and achieve
18 greatness; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2026 team, led by heroes such as Jack Hughes, who scored the
20 game-winning goal, and goaltender Connor Hellebuyck, who made 41 saves, displayed the
21 same grit, unselfishness, that has defined the American spirit for generations; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
23 these two legendary teams be recognized by this body as symbols of what is possible when
24 a nation stands together in pursuit of a common goal.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend the 1980 and 2026 United States Olympic Men's Hockey Teams for
27 their historic gold medal victories and for their roles in uniting the citizens of the United
28 States.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the representatives
31 of USA Hockey and the members of the honored teams.