

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE PLAYERS, COACHES AND MANAGERS OF THE HOBOKEN ROCKETS ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND WINNING THE HOCKEY NORTH AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Hudson County Board of Freeholders pays tribute to those noteworthy organizations in the County of Hudson whose achievements in athletic success, teamwork and community service have redounded to the benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Muller, Jr., the owner of Muller Insurance in Hoboken, formed the New Jersey Rockets ice hockey team in 1991; the team joined the Hockey North America League the following year and was renamed the Hoboken Rockets in 1993; since that time, Hoboken Rockets hockey has been sponsored by Muller Insurance of Hoboken established 1906; and

WHEREAS, Roger J. Muller, Jr. has played for the Hoboken Rockets ice hockey team for 23 years; he has also served as Team Captain, General Manager and Coach for the team; his sister, Erika S. Muller, has also played on the Hoboken Rockets team over the years; since its founding, the Hoboken Rockets have excelled by winning championships in Washington, D.C., Toronto, Canada, Boston, MA, Mamaroneck, NY, Rye, NY and Hackensack, New Jersey; in 2001, the team won Hockey North America's National Championship in Toronto, Canada, and in 2006 the Rocket organization had teams in 6 different levels at the Icehouse in Hackensack, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Hoboken Rockets finished the 2012-2013 Fall-Winter Season undefeated with an outstanding 18-0-0 record; the team won the Championship game at the Hackensack Icehouse, beating Chico's Bail Bonds 7-2, to seal its undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, playing on the Fall-Winter season roster of the championship Hoboken Rockets team were the following players: Goalie Peter Farrell from Cresskill; Defensemen James Guinaw of West New York, Mike Courtney of Hoboken, David Caggiano of Palisades Park, Bennett Shelley from Nyack, NY, Joe Dargan of Secaucus, John Banks of Secaucus and Timothy Calabrese of Bayonne; Forwards Jack Lenhart from Belleville, Greg Brown of Bedminster, Greg Cicchelli from Mahwah, Captain Roger J. Muller, Jr. of Hoboken, Dan Oettinger from Closter, Robert Ronconglio of Nutley, Mike Oettinger from Union City, Enn Kunnapas of Hasbrouck Heights, Sonny Kim of Secaucus, Justin Sampat from Jersey City and Eric Lonsinger of Hoboken; top scorers for the season were Dan Oettinger, John Banks, Mike Oettinger and Roger J. Muller, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Hoboken Rockets' key to success was to have all members of the team share the ice and play in different shifts; the players' ages range from 19 to 56 and their off-the-ice professions vary, from orthodontist David Caggiano to Bayonne police officer Timothy Calabrese to geologist Jack Lenhart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
that:

1. The Board extends its sincere appreciation and recognition to Roger J. Muller, Jr. and all the dedicated players, coaches and managers of the Hoboken Rockets ice hockey team; and
2. The Board congratulates the Hoboken Rockets ice hockey team on its undefeated Fall-Winter season and winning the Hockey North America championship, and extends its best wishes for their continued success.

I, **ALBERTO G. SANTOS**, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hudson in the State of New Jersey DO HEREBY CERTIFY the above Proclamation has been authorized and sponsored by **FREEHOLDER ANTHONY L. ROMANO, JR.**


ANTHONY L. ROMANO, JR., Freeholder


ALBERTO G. SANTOS, Clerk