

**No. R-170. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders on winning consecutive Division II girls' outdoor track and field championships.**

(H.C.R.135)

Offered by: Representatives Jessup of Middlesex, Ancel of Calais, Lewis of Berlin, Nolan of Morristown, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, after winning the Division II title in 2013 and 2015, the U-32 girls' track and field athletes looked forward to a strong showing in the spring of 2016, and

Whereas, the Raiders entered the 2016 State championship meet with the special advantage of competing at their home school with many local fans in attendance and rooting for the team's success, and

Whereas, the road to another Division II crown was not a foregone conclusion as U-32 encountered strong competition from Rice Memorial High School in particular, and

Whereas, the Raiders' top placement in the 800-, 1,500-, and 3,000-meter runs, along with commendable performances in other events, ultimately enabled U-32 to earn a second consecutive title, narrowly outscoring Rice 106–101, and

Whereas, the skilled Raider track and field athletes were Lydia Bohn, Jesse Colnes, Kaylyn Compton, Emma Churchin, Jenna Jerome, Maggie Kirby, Andrea Kroll, Ruby Lamb, Molly McCreedy, Eliza Merrylees, Caitlin O'Kelly, Rena Schwartz, Krista Towne, Rebecca Thompson, and Judith Witke-Mele, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin, Robert Dunkle, George Olson, Andrew Tripp, and Jeric Tyler inspired all the U-32 athletes to perform their best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders on winning consecutive Division II girls' outdoor track and field championships, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32 High School.