

NO. R-34. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE BELLOWS FALLS ALL-STARS BASEBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE
2008 CAL RIPKEN DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(H.C.R. 18)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of
Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, the Cal Ripken Division, named for the Baseball Hall of Fame
member, consists of the 5–12-year-old age group within the Babe Ruth League
Inc., and

Whereas, each summer, teams of 11–12-year-olds compete in tournaments,
both in the United States and abroad, leading ultimately to the Cal Ripken
World Series, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Bellows Falls-All Stars was the team to watch among
the Vermont competitors, and

Whereas, the talented Bellows Falls-All Stars, beginning with their first
game in the Southern Vermont District Tournament held at Chester, in which
they topped Hartford 5–0, exhibited a caliber of play that was disciplined and
focused, and

Whereas, following this first taste of victory, the team proved it possessed
enormous baseball prowess, overwhelming Chester 20–0, and then clinching
the Southern District title and the right to move on to the state tournament in a
second victory over Hartford, this time with a 10–1 margin, and

Whereas, at the state tournament in Barnet, the Bellows Falls All-Stars
announced their presence with a 10–0 win over the North Country team, and

they repeated the same score in a second victory when they defeated their hometown hosts, and

Whereas, the state championship game consisted of a much closer rematch against North Country, which concluded in a 4–1 triumph and the Vermont state championship, and

Whereas, each youngster who played for the 2008 Bellows Falls All-Stars baseball team, including Danny Armstrong, Jonah Bolotin, Zach Farrar, Derek Hott, Ethan Illingworth, Michael LaBeau, Jamie Moore, Willie Moore, Kyle O'Rourke, Zachary Rawling, Austin Stack, Seamus Tully, and Joe White, shared in the credit for the team's great success, and

Whereas, the guidance and leadership that manager Keith Stack and coaches Chad Illingworth and Geoff Illingworth provided were essential elements, leading to the team capturing the state championship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bellows Falls All-Stars baseball team on winning the 2008 Cal Ripken Division state championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Keith Stack in Saxtons River.