

NO. R-39. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE 2008 SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL COSMOS DIVISION III
CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM.

(H.C.R.8)

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield,
Pellett of Chester and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, two generations of gridiron fans at Springfield High School had
longed for a state championship which had last come their way in 1947, and

Whereas, when the football team was in dire need of resuscitation several
years ago, Athletic Director Michael Hatt assumed the head coaching role, and

Whereas, Springfield High School brought an impressive 10–0 record into
the Division III championship game at St. Peter’s Field where it faced the
third-seeded Windsor High School Yellow Jackets, and

Whereas, the Cosmos quickly demonstrated their skill when the Springfield
offensive squad executed a 15-yard running play to score the game’s opening
touchdown with 6:54 remaining in the first quarter, and

Whereas, after a successful conversion play, the first of several that
Springfield executed throughout the game, the Cosmos led 8–0, and

Whereas, Springfield’s second touchdown was scored three and one-half
minutes later, and despite a Windsor player’s exciting 85-yard scoring run
shortly thereafter that made the score 16–6, three more Springfield
touchdowns, that included a 47-yard scoring run, enabled the Cosmos to head
to the halftime break comfortably on top, 38–6, and

Whereas, a 31-yard touchdown run left Springfield on top, 46–12 with three quarters completed, and

Whereas, the Cosmos saved some of their most thrilling play for the final 30 seconds when two team members separately ran the ball across the goal line, completing 30- and 65-yard runs, respectively, to score the last two touchdowns of a great afternoon, and resulting in both a 52–28 Springfield win and the Cosmos bringing home the 2008 Division III football championship, and

Whereas, Cosmos players John Esden, Colin LaPlante, Bennett Chevalier, Brandon Boyle, Kaseem Jackson, Grant White, Stephen Miller, Robbie Simmons, Matt Mitchell, Kirk Perham, Zaire Mann, Jake Patoine, Josh Olney, Arron Wallace, David LeBarron, Cameron Freitas, Eric White, Shawn Keefe, TJ Wallace, Max Blake, Zack Carpenter, Zack Merriam, Luke Morin, Taylor Fontaine, Mitchell Noble, Eli Gosselin, James Short, Ben Cox, Keith Cook, Alex Benoit, James Stillings, Dylan Battiste, Derek Otis, and Billy Wheeler, the coaching staff composed of head coach Michael Hatt, defensive coordinator Rich Saypack, and assistant coaches Matt Jackson, Jason Chizmar, Chris Cenate, and Luke Mitchell, and athletic trainer Matt Howland and student manager Austin Smith are each to be congratulated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Springfield High School Cosmos Division III championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Hatt at Springfield High School.