

NO. R-80. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING 1ST LT. KURT HUNT OF COVENTRY ON HIS DESIGNATION AS A MEMBER OF THE 2009 ALL ARMY SOCCER TEAM.

(S.C.R.10)

By Senators Illuzzi and Starr,

By Representatives Kilmartin of Newport City and Marcotte of Coventry,

Whereas, Kurt Hunt grew up in Coventry where he distinguished himself as an agile and talented young soccer player, playing in Orleans County youth leagues, and serving for two years as captain of the North Country Union High School (NCUHS) team, and

Whereas, after graduating from NCHUS, he matriculated to Castleton State College, which he attended on a University of Vermont ROTC scholarship, and continued to play soccer for two seasons despite a busy academic and military training schedule, and

Whereas, in 2007, Kurt Hunt graduated from both Castleton State College and the military studies program at the University of Vermont, and he was shortly thereafter commissioned as an officer in the United States Army, and

Whereas, he is currently stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, and is enrolled in helicopter flight training, and

Whereas, 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt's passion for soccer remains as strong as when he was a young boy, and this past year he decided to try out for the 2009 All Army soccer team which attracts military personnel stationed around the globe, and

Whereas, potential squad members submitted detailed dossiers of their soccer experience to the team's coach who then culled from the many applications 43 semifinalists who gathered for a tryout competition at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and

Whereas, 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt was among the 18 fortunate players who were selected for placement on the team after a rigorous evaluation process, and who won the right to represent the Army at the Armed Forces Soccer Tourney held in early February at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, and

Whereas, in the tourney's championship game, the All Army squad defeated the team representing the United States Marine Corps and captured the 2009 championship title, and

Whereas, based on the great playing skills he demonstrated at the Armed Forces Soccer Tourney, 1st Lt. Hunt was named to represent the combined United States military forces on an all-star team that is to compete in the 2009 men's Conseil International du Sport Militaire continental soccer championship, also to be held at Dyess Air Force Base, and that will feature teams from many nations, including Brazil, and

Whereas, designation as a military all-star soccer player is an especially unusual honor for a young man from Vermont, and 1st Lt. Hunt merits commendation for his success on the soccer field and in his military career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates United States Army 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt of Coventry on his designation as a member of both the 2009 All Army and the combined military forces all-star soccer teams, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to United States Army 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt.