

NO. R-112. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Albert D. Lawton Middle School boys' A-basketball ADL tournament championship team.

(H.C.R.75)

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Myers of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, for 39 years, the ADL (Albert D. Lawton) basketball tournament has showcased the best in middle school basketball competition in Chittenden County, and

Whereas, the boys A-team representing the tournament hosting Albert D. Lawton School (ADL Chargers) of Essex entered the 2009 event as the two-time defending champions, and

Whereas, the ADL Chargers, after drawing an opening round bye, played their first tournament contest against the Colchester Cougars, who they had twice defeated during the regular season, and

Whereas, the Cougars' capabilities on the court were adeptly exhibited as they completed the first half with a seven-point lead, and

Whereas, not at all discouraged, the reinvigorated Chargers executed five three-point plays during the second half, impressively defeating the Cougars 46–30, and earning a slot in the championship game against the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School of South Burlington, and

Whereas, the first half of the championship game played on the Chargers' home court ended with the Essex team holding a precarious 15–14 lead, and

Whereas, the Chargers became extremely serious championship contenders in the second half as one team member scored 10 points during the third

quarter, and another threw seven successful foul shots in the fourth quarter,  
and

Whereas, the final buzzer sounded victory for the Chargers as they beat the Tuttle team 43–35, becoming the first team ever to win three consecutive ADL tournament championship titles, and

Whereas, these dedicated young basketball players, including Luke O’Connell, Jeff Kent, Lukas Armstrong-Laird, Jason Freidman, Ryan Perry, Mizra Smajic, Sam Terry, Frank Puleo, Jacob Rodriquez, Joey Picard, Bradan Merrill, Tom Carton, Steve Jurkiewicz, and Justin Ward, proudly represented their school on the basketball court, and

Whereas, coach Brad Luck, assistant coach Ryan Leithead, and team managers Brad Bissonnette and Chad Holcomb deserve credit for their respective roles in the team’s success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Albert D. Lawton Middle School boys’ A-basketball ADL tournament championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brad Luck in Essex.