

No. R-150. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Chelsea High School Red Devils 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship team.

(H.C.R.103)

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, French of Randolph, Townsend of Randolph and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, the Division IV girls' basketball season could not have ended with greater excitement as two of the division's best teams, the first-seeded West Rutland Westsiders and the impressive Chelsea High School Red Devils, played against each other in the season's most decisive game at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, each school's fans were able to witness an exciting contest as both teams demonstrated skill and command on the hardwood floor, and

Whereas, the Red Devils' history of post-season championship triumphs, six prior to this game, the last in 2005, provided them with a degree of special confidence as they handled the ball adeptly throughout the game, and

Whereas, Chelsea's steady and reliable style of play proved effective as the Red Devils went to their midgame break holding a comfortable nine-point 25–16 lead, and

Whereas, although the Westsiders narrowed the margin during the second half, they were unable to overtake Chelsea's skill at maintaining the point advantage, and

Whereas, when the call of the final whistle was heard, the Chelsea Red Devils had clinched a special victory as they defeated the West Rutland Westsiders and won the 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the talented Chelsea team consisted of Samantha Bonasera, Jodi Emerson, Robyn Kennedy, Marisa Osgood, Emma Blanchard, Katie Cooper, Courtney Sanford, Morgan Tullar, Jasmine Braman, Whitney Ladd, Carolann Hook, and Michelle Upham, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Parker and the great assistant coaches Melissa Sanford and Mike McCullough served as both inspiring and knowledgeable mentors for the players, and

Whereas, the students of Chelsea High School were delighted with the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Chelsea High School Red Devils 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Parker at Chelsea High School.