

No. R-155. House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont Lady Catamounts 2009 America East championship women's basketball team.

(H.C.R.111)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Pellett of Chester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, women's basketball at the University of Vermont (UVM) was a top-draw event during the 2008–2009 season, and

Whereas, the Lady Catamounts entered the America East post-season tournament with a 9–4 league record, entitling them to be ranked as the third seed, and

Whereas, the tournament started off with a great 57–45 quarter-final win against the sixth-seeded University of New Hampshire before an appreciative home crowd, and

Whereas, in the semifinals, UVM faced a stiffer challenge when the team traveled to Hartford, Connecticut, to play the second-seeded University of Hartford, but the enthusiastic Hartford fans did not distract the Lady Catamounts from winning a comfortable 66–56 victory, and

Whereas, UVM was now poised to play first-seeded Boston University in the America East championship, and the Lady Catamounts' fans witnessed a great UVM victory in the America East championship game, and

Whereas, early on, UVM trailed Boston University by as many as 12 points, but a rally shortly before the midgame break enabled the Lady Catamounts a halftime lead of 33–28, and

Whereas, at the game's conclusion, the Lady Catamounts had won a 74–66 victory, clinched their first league championship since 2000, their fifth overall, and earned an automatic berth in the 2009 NCCA women's basketball tournament, and

Whereas, UVM junior Courtney Pilypaitis was honored as the America East tournament's most outstanding player, an honor she merited in recognition of her per-game averages of 20 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and a 91.3 shooting percentage from the foul line, and

Whereas, both teammate May Kotsopoulos and she were named to the America East All-Tournament team, and May Kotsopoulos scored a tournament high of 21 points in the game against Boston University, and

Whereas, although the Lady Catamounts ranked 16th in the NCCA tournament and faced the first-seeded University of Connecticut, they represented their school with enormous athletic skill and fortitude, and

Whereas, the entire team, including Tory Dennerlein, Sarah Madey, May Kotsopoulos, Camille duPont, Tonya Young, Amy Rosenkrantz, Kelli Hier,

Jill Rademacher, Ashley Hoyt, Sy Janousek, Andrea Cihal, Courtney Pilypaitis, Sofia Iwobi, Alissa Sheftic, and Kelli Poles, was pleased to have won the league championship, and

Whereas, Head coach Sharon Dawley and assistant coaches Steve Lanpher, Jen MacAulay, and Cat Arnold helped lead the Lady Catamounts to a 21–12 season record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 University of Vermont Lady Catamounts 2009 America East championship women’s basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sharon Dawley at the University of Vermont athletic department.