

No. R-175. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Hazen Union High School Division III championship boys' basketball team.

(H.C.R.97)

Offered by: Representatives Leriche of Hardwick, Morley of Barton, Peltz of Woodbury and Rodgers of Glover

Whereas, having last captured the Division III boys' basketball championship in 2006, the Hazen Union High School Wildcats had become increasingly determined to clinch another, and

Whereas, their play during the 2008–2009 season reflected this desire as the Wildcats reached the Division III championship game at the Barre Auditorium, where Hazen faced the BFA-Fairfax Bullets, and

Whereas, the Wildcats led BFA-Fairfax 11–8 after the first quarter, and by the time the game had come down to six minutes until the final whistle, Hazen was maintaining a narrow 41–39 lead, and

Whereas, motivated to not walk away without the state title, Hazen ignited a scoring spree adding ten points to its tally in the following three minutes while blocking even a single Bullet point, and

Whereas, the Wildcats then proceeded to win the game and capture the Division III championship with a final 60–48 score, and

Whereas, on the trip home to Hardwick, the players were frequently chanting “it's great to be a Hazen Wildcat” and were in a joyous frame of mind, and

Whereas, a caravan of fans' cars, with their headlights creating a stream of light, trailed the bus throughout the journey, and

Whereas, news of Hazen's victory had quickly spread, and crowds of supporters in both Woodbury and Hardwick enthusiastically welcomed and cheered these new sports heroes, and

Whereas, Wildcat players Brandon McLeon, Adam Whitney, Jeb Appleton, Andrew Whitney, Jon Flood, Tanner Benjamin, Ryan Hall, Ryan Tatro, Chris Williams, Justin DeLaricheliere, Billy Vasiliadis, Billy Boyd, George Coultas, Alan Therrien, and Andrew Laggis all celebrated this great victory, and

Whereas, Coach Aaron Hill, who has instilled the value of good sportsmanship in his players, and assistant coaches Mike Baker, Travis Hill, and Jamon Renaud were great leaders for the team, and everyone could rely on the support of team managers Grady Thayer and Dennis LeCours, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Hazen Union High School Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Aaron Hill at Hazen Union High School.