

**No. R-177. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Red Hawks 2008 Division I championship field hockey team.**

(H.C.R.110)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Orr of Charlotte and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks had long played field hockey in Division II, and

Whereas, capable of competing against other Division I teams, it was a logical decision that CVU, as one of the larger high schools in the state, be reassigned to that division, and

Whereas, nonetheless, CVU's first appearance in a Division I field hockey championship game marked a momentous occasion for the team, and

Whereas, having achieved entry into the highest strata of post-season play, the extremely capable and confident Redhawks were challenged to defeat one of the most respected field hockey teams in Vermont, the first-seeded Hartford High School Hurricanes who have repeatedly earned field hockey championship berths, and

Whereas, the game's opening eight minutes resulted in evenly matched performances as each team evaluated the other's strengths and weaknesses and adopted a cautious playing strategy, and

Whereas, an ideal way to score in field hockey is to trigger a penalty corner against the opposing team, and

Whereas, the Red Hawks succeeded at this objective twice during the first half, and

Whereas, the first time at 18:41, CVU sent the ball directly passed the Hartford goalie to place its first point on the scoreboard, and

Whereas, in the second instance, just over three minutes later, one of the Redhawks took advantage of a rebound off the Hartford goalie's pads and directed the ball into scoring territory, and

Whereas, during the second half, with 3:21 left to play, CVU scored an insurance goal and secured its first Division I championship title as well as a 3-0 shutout victory over Hartford, and

Whereas, celebrating this historic accomplishment in CVU's athletic history were Redhawks Elizabeth Goddette, Lucy Barrett, Kelsey Gagnon, Kelcey Lamphere, Anne Bertolet, Maggie Ryan, Stephanie Burns, Gillian Shelley, Aubrey Deavitt, Katie Longshore, Mireille Kelley, Kathryn Powell, Sami Kassel, Danielle Michael, Emmaleigh Loyer, KK Logan, Louise Gibbs, and Kelsey Jensen, and

Whereas, the wise advice of Head Coach Kate McDonald and assistant coaches Enid Wonnacott and Sarah Malcolm, as well as the assistance that athletic trainer Tony Lora provided were all important contributors to the Redhawks' fantastic 2008 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Red Hawks 2008 Division I championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kate McDonald at Champlain Valley Union High School.