

No. R-204. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' championship ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.139)

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset and Malcolm of Pawlet

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Burr and Burton Bulldogs' girls' hockey team faced formidable odds when it skated onto the ice at Norwich University's Kreitzberg Arena for the 2009 Division II championship game against the defending champions the Missisquoi Bay High School Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, not only had the Bulldogs lost to the Thunderbirds in the 2008 Division II title game, but in each of Burr and Burton's 2008–2009 regular season encounters with Missisquoi, the Thunderbirds had been the winners, and

Whereas, the opening minutes of the championship game were not encouraging for Burr and Burton as it was soon at the low end of a 2–0 deficit thanks to Missisquoi's goals at the 2:05 and 9:28 marks of the first period, and

Whereas, less than a minute and a half after the Thunderbirds scored their second goal, the Bulldogs rebounded with their first successful scoring effort, ending Missisquoi Bay's hope of a shutout, and

Whereas, at 7:15 of the second period, the Bulldogs overcame a strong Thunderbird defensive effort and evened the score at 2–all, forcing each team to rethink its playing strategies, and

Whereas, well into the third and decisive period, each team's defensive talent prevented the winning goal from being scored, and

Whereas, a critical moment occurred at 9:02 of the third period when the Bulldogs sent the puck directly into the net and sealed the 2009 Division II girls' hockey victory for their school, marking the third time that Burr and Burton has won top divisional honors in this sport, and

Whereas, each of the girls' hockey bulldogs, including Kristen Palmer, Charlotte Palmer, Piper Ferrone, Whitney Marmer, Melissa Olivia, Nicole Read, Sarah Stearns, Dunja Jovicic, Emma Houser, Viktoria von Waldenfels, Danielle Marmer, Hannah Corkum, Abby Stearns, Brooke Sabol, Megan Miskovsky, Jennifer March, Brooke Woodruff, Jennifer Coppin, Karla Coppin, Shawna Kelley, and Thalia Berard, was thrilled with this exciting and hard-won victory, and

Whereas, head coach Chip Edson did a superb job all season long, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chip Edson at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester.