

**No. R-313. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Springfield High School Cosmos Division II championship boys' soccer team.**

(H.C.R.225)

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield and Pellett of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 2009, Springfield High School won its first-ever boys' soccer championship in a dramatic overtime victory, and

Whereas, the Cosmos' regular season record of 12–2 entitled them to a first-round bye, and, in the quarterfinals they defeated Montpelier 1–0, then subsequently defeated U-32 1–1 (5–4) in an exciting penalty-kick showdown,

Whereas, the Springfield Cosmos then traveled to the neutral site of Randolph, where they faced the Missisquoi Thunderbirds, a team that Springfield does not usually compete against, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds were a physical and direct team compared to Springfield's more indirect possession and passing style team, and

Whereas, despite the Thunderbirds' direct style of play, the Cosmos executed a strong defensive game, deflecting numerous Thunderbird drives that threatened to put Missisquoi on the scoreboard, and

Whereas, at the end of regulation play as well as the first overtime period, a scoreless tie prevailed, and

Whereas, the pivotal game sequence began at 8:28 in the second overtime period, when a Springfield corner kick bounded beyond the goal and a Cosmos

team member retrieved the ball, delivering it to a position in front of the goal, and

Whereas, a waiting Springfield player kicked the ball with the back of his foot, and despite the immediate presence of three Thunderbird defenders, including the goalie, the ball was projected with sufficient power to land at the back of the net, awarding the Cosmos a 1–0 triumphant win and the 2009 Division II championship, and

Whereas, Cosmos members Ryan Brady, Angelo Jardina, John Kendall, Eric Bolavong, James Karkowski, Derek Graham, Derek Osborne, Ethan McAllister, John Michael Errair, Jordan Pfenning, Joe Ankuda, Ben Sidler, Cody Filkins, Michael Pianka, Tom Kendall, Colin Brady, Mikey Whittemore, and Jake Sargent and manager Tyler Putnam were ecstatic at winning Springfield's first-ever state soccer championship, as were Head Coach Paul Kendall and his assistants Dave Churchill and Corey Cenate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Springfield High School Cosmos Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Paul Kendall at Springfield High School.