

No. R-342. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights 2009 Division III championship field hockey team.

(H.C.R.224)

Offered by: Representative Till of Jericho, Audette of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Geier of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Flanagan, Lyons, Miller, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, as the defending 2008 Division III field hockey champions, the Green Knights of Rice Memorial High School were well acquainted with the excitement and tempo of post-season competition, and

Whereas, the Green Knights played a consistently high-caliber game throughout the 2009 regular season, earning them the first-seed slot for the 2009 playoffs, and

Whereas, the Green Knights once again met the Stowe High School Raiders in the Division III championship field hockey showdown played this past fall at Castleton State College's Spartan Stadium, and

Whereas, at 23:19 of the first half, a Rice player slapped the ball directly into the net, enabling the Green Knights to assume a 1-0 lead and prompting the Raiders to try unsuccessfully, due in large measure to the Green Knights' goalie's alertness and assertiveness, to even the score before the halftime break, and

Whereas, at 16:20 of the second half, a rested Raider squad tied the contest at one-all, where the game's score remained for the balance of regulation play despite the Green Knights' persistent attempts to surge ahead, and

Whereas, memories of the 2008 shootout motivated Rice to end the game as quickly as possible, which it did just 1:52 into the overtime period when a Green Knight charged through the Raider defense, scoring the game's winning goal, and

Whereas, the Rice team left the field as the 2009 Division III field hockey champions, winning the crown for a second consecutive year and concluding a second undefeated fall campaign, and

Whereas, Green Knights Sydney Carney-Knisely, Annie Maheux, Kelly Carroll, Annie Finn, Jenna Campbell, Katie Gray, Meghann Dempsey, Natalie Crowley, Jackie Spitler, Christine Skeffington, Sydney Bouchard, Nora Varhue, Molly McClintock, Meghan Plant, Julie Collins, Katie Cutting, Sara Till, Jenna Durkee, Amira Garen, Emily Cutting, and Victoria DeLuca each played skillfully from the season's first second until the championship's final whistle, and

Whereas, Head Coach Betsy Sprague and assistant coaches Dave Peterson and Karen Lavallee inspired the players in their quest for a second consecutive championship crown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights 2009 Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Betsy Sprague at Rice Memorial High School.