

**No. R-427. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.273)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, McDonald of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the U-32 boys' basketball team played steadily in the closing weeks of the 2009–2010 season, capturing eight consecutive game victories immediately prior to the commencement of postseason play, and

Whereas, the team's impressive late season surge earned it the third seed in Division II playoff competition, in which the Raiders continued to display their winning ways, gaining a berth in the championship game and the opportunity to play the fourth-seeded Missisquoi Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds celebrated their first-ever boys' basketball championship appearance with a 9–5 first-quarter lead, but the scoring advantage was short-lived, and

Whereas, awakened to Missisquoi's basketball playing prowess, U-32 assumed a more offensively effective playing style in the second quarter, starting with a 6–0 opening exhibition, and left the floor at halftime with a 22–16 lead, and

Whereas, U-32 quickly learned it could not rest on its past laurels as Missisquoi's third quarter was its best with 15 points, and the Raiders barely maintained their scoring advantage with a fragile 32–31 lead, and

Whereas, the fourth quarter would prove decisive as U-32 drew on all of its skill and put on a great basketball performance, including a 17–6 run that culminated in a 52–43 victory, and won the 2010 Division II championship, and

Whereas, Raiders Jack Shea, Carter Austin-Bradley, Trevor Cote, Nathan Magne, Ryan Shea, Sam McArdle, Watumbe Noble, Brian Pellegrini, John Helme, Nolan Callahan, Zeb Bolduc, and Clark Stridsberg played wonderfully, and manager Chad Ducas fulfilled his supporting role with great competence, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dan Gandin oversaw his fourth U-32 championship squad, and his great assistant coaches Chris Hudson and Mike Macke were invaluable in the 2010 boys' basketball campaign, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Gandin.