

No. R-428. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship girls' ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.278)

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, girls' ice hockey was a story of continual success for the 2009–2010 U-32 Raiders as they skated across the state's frozen arena surfaces to a nearly undefeated season, having lost only once, narrowly, to the Rutland High School Raiders 1-0, and

Whereas, when the U-32 Raiders skated onto the ice at Kreitzberg Arena for the Division II championship game, their inevitable opponent was the other Raider team that had prevented U-32 from playing a perfect season, and

Whereas, in the scoreless first period, Rutland forestalled a U-32 shot on goal until the last three minutes, but that defensive accomplishment was negated as U-32 easily thwarted a series of repeated Rutland scoring attempts, and

Whereas, despite possessing a 5–3 player advantage for a 31-second stretch early in the second period, the Rutland Raiders still failed to score a goal, setting the scene for a decisive two-pronged U-32 offensive drive, and

Whereas, U-32's scoring success started when one team-member took a breakout pass in the neutral zone and maintained control of the puck until she slid it as a backhanded shot into the net, and

Whereas, almost miraculously, just 19 seconds after the post-goal faceoff, a U-32 team player circled in a full 360-degree turn and executed a forehand shot that sent the puck back into the net, and

Whereas, after two periods of play, this all-Raider Division II girls' ice hockey championship contest's score was 2-0 in favor of U-32, and

Whereas, U-32 scored one last goal at 11:27 of the third period, providing the final assurance it would skate away as the game's 3-0 winner, and

Whereas, the U-32 Raiders' first girls' ice hockey championship occurred due to the great season-long play of each team member, including Ashley Vincent, Paige Schneider, Metta Sairs, Esther Peterson, Emily Aylward, Katie Kreis, Jyneva Pickel, Milinda Sterling, Caroline Pettinato, Kasey Donna, Erika Gonyaw, Alicia Danyew, Gabrielle Coletti, Briana Breer, Claire Puleio, Zoe Myers, Tara Fitzgerald, Brianna Gowans, and Hallie Haupt, and

Whereas, head coach Dave Pickel and assistant coaches Chris Kane, Larry Smith, and Emilie Clark were great leaders, and team managers Abigail Staab and Cheyenne Smith were always ready to lend their assistance, 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 girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dave Pickel at U-32 High School.