

No. R-43. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division III championship field hockey team.

(H.C.R.32)

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Klein of East Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Fox, Lyons, Mazza, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, field hockey has become synonymous with Rice Memorial High School as the Green Knights captured the Division III championship in 2008 and 2009, and

Whereas, after another great season, the third-seeded Green Knights entered the playoffs in anticipation of another moment of championship glory, and

Whereas, their skillful attention to every play and careful strategizing culminated in a final game berth against the first-seeded Missisquoi Union High School Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, when the two teams meet at the University of Vermont's Moulton Winder Field, their defensive talents dominated the action, and

Whereas, the Green Knights scored first at the 9:28 mark of the first half, knocking the rebounding ball of a short corner penalty kick attempt into the goal, and

Whereas, toward the end of the first half, the Thunderbirds also took advantage of a rebounding ball to score their only goal, and

Whereas, following a scoreless second half, and two similarly zero-scoring seven-on-seven overtime periods, the inevitable shootout became the only option to crown the 2010 Division III field hockey champion, and

Whereas, in the season's truly ultimate contest for both teams, the Green Knights emerged victorious 3–1, clinching their third consecutive Division III championship and concluding 2010 play, proud of their 12–4–1 record, and

Whereas, all of the dedicated Rice field hockey players, including Laura Conroy, Anne Finn, Jennifer Campbell, Brigitte Gagne, Meghann Dempsey, Alaina Sarvak, Jacqueline Spitler, Christine Skeffington, Amira Garen, Nora Varhue, Emily Cutting, Meghan Plant, Natalie Crowley, Emily Elderton, Sara Till, Meredith Hansen, Maura Sheridan, Haley Fisher, Katrina Derderian, Kelly St. Marie, Jane Dowling, and Emily Boucher, as well as team manager Annie Maheux, worked together cohesively and successfully, and

Whereas, Head Coach Betsy Sprague and assistant coaches Dave Peterson and Karen Lavallee led their players through a year of excitement and triumph, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rice Memorial High School 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 Betsy Sprague at Rice Memorial High School.