

No. R-87. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys' lacrosse team.

(H.C.R.61)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, an extremely skilled and talented squad of boy lacrosse players represented Harwood Union High School in interscholastic competition with a promising potential to capture their school's first lacrosse state championship, and

Whereas, upon defeating fourth-seeded U-32 13–8 in the semifinal playoff game, the deservedly top-seeded (15–2) Highlanders earned a place in the Division II boys lacrosse championship contest in Burlington where they confronted the third-seeded Rice Memorial High School Green Knights before hometown fans, and

Whereas, wasting not a moment, Harwood quickly established a 2–0 lead and continued to exhibit great offensive agility and prowess, commanding a seemingly insurmountable 9–2 advantage with 3:47 remaining in the first half of play, but the Division II championship proved to be a more challenging objective, and

Whereas, the Green Knights maximized their opportunities in the closing moments of the first half, and the Highlanders departed from the field at halftime holding a 9–4 lead, and

Whereas, an offensive energy permeated the second half of play, and with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter, Harwood secured a seemingly safe 11–6 lead, and

Whereas, that margin of comfort proved fleeting as within 33 seconds into the fourth and final quarter, Rice reemerged as a true contender, having added two goals, and the Green Knights inched even closer when with 9:19 remaining, they narrowed Harwood’s lead to 11–9, and

Whereas, the closing 5 minutes and 39 seconds proved decisive as Harwood rebuilt its lead to 13–9 with two quick goals in a 20-second time frame, and

Whereas, although Rice made one more valiant attempt to win the game, scoring two final goals during the game’s exciting last minute, Harwood was not to be denied its first-ever lacrosse state championship, and

Whereas, all of the dedicated Highlander boy lacrosse players, including Adam Thompson, Ryan Spittle, Erik Bertalan, Troy Mitchell, Damien Gile, Macon Randolph, Conor Lyons, Joe DuCharme, James Colyer, Ben Harmon, Kevin LaFlamme, Taylor Armstrong, Jake Lockett, Anshe Lotspeich, Brendan Devine, Jarrid Quirion, Jesse Perrault, Kaile Daley, Ben Nussbaum, Will Hofmann, Max Beilke, Cameron Rutledge, and Jack O’Shea, benefited from the guidance of Head Coach Ryan Foster and assistant coaches Timmy Griffith and Russ Beilke, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys' lacrosse team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ryan Foster at Harwood Union High School.