

No. R-154. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.105)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Munger of South Burlington and Till of Jericho

Whereas, the girls' basketball team at Rice Memorial High School entered the 2011–2012 season minus four starting seniors who had graduated the prior spring, and

Whereas, this challenge for the Green Knights was met enthusiastically as they devised successful individual plays that complemented their teammates' overall effort, and

Whereas, the 2011–2012 Green Knights, one of the most hardworking girls' basketball squads in Division I, reaped the rewards of their steady play when they earned the third seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, this high ranking was deserved as Rice proceeded to defeat each of its post-season opponents as it dribbled and shot its way to the Division I finale against the No. 5 Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks, and

Whereas, in the opening half of the championship game at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, CVU's initial 18–12 lead motivated Rice to rebound with 10 points in the last minute of the first half and depart the court ahead 22–18, and

Whereas, although CVU remained in contention for much of the third quarter, two consecutive three-point Green Knight plays, just as the third quarter became the fourth, put Rice ahead 35–26, and, from that moment, the final outcome became increasingly apparent, and

Whereas, when the final buzzer was sounded, Rice had won its first state girls' basketball crown in a decade, and Green Knights Ellen Boucher, Elizabeth Babcock, Alaina Sarvak, Natalie Crowley, Katie Kowalski, Hailee Barron, Kylie Rice, Reagan Jewell, Gemma Cirignano, Meghan Plant, Emma Chicoine, Hannah Trieb, and Paige Randall were thrilled with their accomplishment, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tim Rice and Assistant Coaches Mark Pfaff and Maggie Lonergan taught their players how to maximize their individual skills for a satisfying 19–5 2010–2011 basketball season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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