

**No. R-280. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Division III field hockey team.**

(H.C.R.212)

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton and Consejo of Sheldon

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, having reached the championship game of the 2010 Division III field hockey playoffs, the Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds were well accustomed to the drama and excitement that accompanies this ultimate game of the season, and

Whereas, once again the owners of the first seed, the Thunderbirds played a convincing game of field hockey as they progressed through the playoffs and into the championship game at the University of Vermont against the Stowe High School Raiders, and

Whereas, mindful of their valiant effort in the 2010 championship which proceeded all the way to a shootout match, the 2011 Thunderbirds sought to win the game within the confines of regulation play, and

Whereas, the opening minutes of the contest were scoreless, but then with 9:33 remaining in the first period, the Thunderbirds recorded the game's opening goal, giving the team the momentum to play on to a victory, and

Whereas, ahead 1–0 at the halftime break, the Thunderbirds resumed the offensive at 3:20 into the second half with the second Missisquoi goal, and

Whereas, although the Missisquoi lead was now more substantial, the Raiders recouped and scored their sole goal with 16:32 remaining in the second half, and

Whereas, now forewarned that Stowe could be effective, the Thunderbirds maximized their defensive alertness, and

Whereas, when the clock showed no time left to play, the Missisquoi field hockey team was jubilant as it had won the season's crucial finale 2–1 and captured the 2011 Division III field hockey championship, and

Whereas, this memorable 14–1–2 season was the result of contributions from team members Nicole Rainville, Vallary Ross, Becca Dumeny, Mikaela Flanagan, Erica Patterson, Dakota Raleigh, Mollie Parah, Annika White, Abby Thompson, Chelsea Boudreau, Camille Rainville, Kelli Salls, Kara Babcock, Rachael Greenia, Becky Cross, Myriam Bouti, Emily Gates, Kendall Spaulding, Jodi Hayes, and Riley Barna, and the great support of Head Coach Jeanne Rainville, Assistant Coach Ed Rainville, and team managers Sydney Spaulding and Riley Salls, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Division III field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Missisquoi Valley Union High School.