

No. R-282. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division I championship field hockey team.

(H.C.R.214)

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Stevens of Shoreham and Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the 2011 Division I field hockey championship, played at Moulton Winder Field on the University of Vermont campus, featured the top-seeded South Burlington High School Rebels and the third-ranked Middlebury Union High School Tigers, and

Whereas, both teams had won one of their two regular season encounters, and

Whereas, the first half of championship play was an exact trade-off with the Tigers and Rebels each attempting six unsuccessful shoots on goal, and

Whereas, leaving the field in a midgame scoreless tie, both teams had breaking the deadlock as a second-half priority, and

Whereas, the tension was broken during the opening two minutes of the second half as Middlebury maximized a penalty corner opportunity, and

Whereas, a Tiger at the end line forwarded the ball to a teammate situated at the top center of the circle who directed the ball to the far right side of the goal, and

Whereas, the Rebels valiantly sought to even the score, attempting 12 more shots on goal and surpassing the Tigers 8–3 in corner advantages for the balance of the contest, and

Whereas, despite South Burlington’s repeated offensive forays, the Middlebury defense was alert right through the final minute of play, and

Whereas, when the second half was finished, the Middlebury Union High School Tigers had clinched a hard-earned 1–0 victory and their first Division I field hockey championship title since 1998, and

Whereas, the entire Tiger squad, consisting of Elizabeth Dwire, Brandi Whitemore, Mychaella Devaney, Sophia Peluso, Brianna Foley, Kayla Weiss, Caitlin McCluskey, Hannah Quinn, Bailee Desforges, Eva Pratt, Kate Knowles, Heather Massed, Chrissy Ritter, Tiffany Danyow, Maria Ploof, Paige Viens, Grace Boucher, Olivia Carpenter, Baily Ryan, and Heather Ploof, is to be commended as are Head Coach Kelley Higgins, Assistant Coach Elizabeth Moeykens, and athletic trainer Sarah Johnstone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division I championship field hockey team, and be it further

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