

No. R-320. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' and girls' cross-country teams on winning their respective Division II state championships.

(H.C.R.241)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, for many years, cross-country running has been a favorite fall pastime for students at Harwood Union High School who continue to excel in this sport, focused on endurance and speed, and

Whereas, the 2011 Harwood cross-country runners of both genders were mentally and physically set to compete in the decisive state championship meet at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the Highlander girls and boys scored double victories at Thetford as each earned victories in both the individual and team categories, and

Whereas, in the girls' race, the first-place runner was a Highlander who crossed the finish line with a time of 20:42 which was nearly 25 seconds ahead of the second-place runner, and

Whereas, Highlanders then followed in close pursuit, completing the race in third and sixth overall, and

Whereas, earning three of the top six individual completion times resulted in a 39-point advantage for Harwood and a Division II team championship, and

Whereas, the Harwood boys were not to be outdone as a Highlander was the top runner with a time of 17:17, 40 seconds ahead of his nearest competition, and

Whereas, other Harwood boys placed fifth, 10th, and 11th, causing a close but undisputed 2-point advantage, and the boys' team also left with a Division II cross-country championship, and

Whereas, all of the boys who ran cross-country for Harwood in 2011, including Geordy Aitken, Geoffrey Kazlow, Nathaniel Kazlow, Nathanael Kuzio, Sam Nishi, Cam Hancock, Jacob Palmerio, and Jacob Pitman, as well as the girl Highlander runners Jaime Thomas, Ellie Ramsey, Alice Woodruff, Laurel Whitney, Hannah Woodruff, Kate Stevens, and Olivia Nishi ran with enthusiasm and vigor, and Coach John Kerrigan can be extremely proud of both teams, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' and girls' cross-country teams on winning their respective 2011 Division II state championships, and be it further

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