

**No. R-321. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II field hockey team.**

(H.C.R.242)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, the defending champion Division II Harwood Union High School field hockey team started the 2011 season optimistically, and

Whereas, with an impressive 11–2–3 record, prior to the ultimate contest, the third-seeded Highlanders advanced to the 2011 championship game against the top-ranked Woodstock Wasps, contested in Burlington, and

Whereas, fans of each team knew they were about to witness a classy game of field hockey, and

Whereas, each team emphasized its defensive prowess through much of the first half, blocking the opponent's path to the goal zone, and

Whereas, inevitably, the scoreless tie was broken, and a Highlander racked up the first goal on a corner play strategy that the team refers to as M-squared in which the ball is relayed to the front player who is tasked with shooting the ball into the net, and

Whereas, Harwood successfully executed this maneuver with 3:15 remaining in the first half to record the game's only goal, and

Whereas, although the scoring ceased thereafter, an intense field hockey challenge remained for the Highlanders as the Wasps outshot Harwood 4–1 during the second half, and

Whereas, Highlander defenders were fully engaged at midfield in the concluding moments as they repeatedly blocked shots and tackled the ball, all to protect the narrow Harwood lead, and

Whereas, the Harwood Highlanders emerged 1–0, victors over the Woodstock Wasps and the 2011 Division II field hockey champions, and

Whereas, Highlanders Charlotte Thompson, Ally Behn, Katlyn Martin, Kasey Jones, Rebecca Thompson, Ahn Jacobson, Ashley Nelson, Meredith Goodwin, Haley Spittle, Mia Burfoot, Emily Reagan, Samantha Fox, Naomi Cormier, Sarah Wry, Jocelyn Noyes, Meghan Burrows, Rebecca Hammel, Ragan McMann, Emma Cummings, Chase Fortier, Martha McKenna, Kelly Myrto, Ashley Wood, and Megan Meany were great sportswomen, and Coach Heidi Hill, student manager, Laura Greshin, and athletic trainer, Michelle Black, each contributed mightily to the success of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II field hockey team, and be it further

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