

No. R-429. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 University of Vermont America East championship men's basketball team.

(H.C.R.327)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Krowinski of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Perley of Enosburgh and Ram of Burlington

Whereas, the 2011–2012 University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts men's collegiate basketball season proved thrilling, and

Whereas, the second-seeded Catamounts earned their way into the 2012 America East championship showdown against the tournament's top-seeded SUNY Stony Brook, which as host team had the hometown advantage, and

Whereas, despite the challenging locale, the visiting Catamounts quickly took command with an 11–4 lead that grew to 22–9, and even after the Seawolves rebounded, UVM exited from the game 26–19 at halftime, and

Whereas, as the second half began, UVM added five points in short order, and with 9:56 left to play had established a seemingly invincible 46–29 lead, and

Whereas, despite trying, the Seawolves could not overcome UVM's defensive prowess that limited Stony Brook to the lowest floor-shooting success rate ever tallied in an America East Championship men's basketball game, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' 51–43 win was the fourth time UVM clinched the America East championship as the second-seeded team and served as its ticket into the NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, in their first NCAA match-up against equally 16th-seeded Lamar University, the Catamounts overcame an initial 12–9 deficit to emerge the winner, 71–59, scoring only their second NCAA men's basketball tournament win, and

Whereas, UVM's 77–58 loss to the first-seeded University of North Carolina meant that Catamounts Luke Apfeld, Four McGlynn, Sandro Carissimo, Josh Elbaum, Brendan Bald, Brian Voelkel, Chris Santo, Pat Bergmann, Clancy Rugg, Matt Glass, Ryan McKeane, and Ben Crenca had concluded this memorable basketball season with a 24–12 record, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Becker, assistant coaches Chris Markwood, Matt O'Brien, and Kyle Cieplicki, director of operations Ari Shapiro-Miller, athletic trainer Grant Wilson III, director of athletic performance Brady Holt, and academic advisor Gary Bruening each served an important role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 University of Vermont America East championship men's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont Athletic Department.