

**No. R-430. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Oxbow Union High School Olympians 2012 Division III championship girls' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.328)

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Conquest of Newbury, Davis of Washington and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, the third-seeded Oxbow Union High School Olympians Division III girls' basketball team brought their 19–4 record into the championship game against the top-seeded Enosburg High School Hornets, and

Whereas, Oxbow's chances did not appear particularly bright during the second quarter, as the Olympians were as much as 11 points down and entered the halftime break trailing 24–16, and

Whereas, at 5:50 left in the third quarter, the score had remained nearly unchanged with the Hornets still on top at 26–16, and

Whereas, the Olympians then turned on a dominating offense as they scored 14 successive points, which included a bank-shot three-pointer, one player contributing seven to the intense drive, and two others successfully adding two free throws each, and all of this was happening while the Hornets were stymied from adding even a single point, and

Whereas, with 3:42 left in the fourth quarter, Oxbow was on top 37–30 but discovered it was unsafe to relax for the balance of the contest, and

Whereas, the Hornets regained their scoring acumen and, with exactly 30.3 seconds before the buzzer, delivered the basket that tied the game at 37, and

Whereas, with 23.3 seconds left, one of the Oxbow free-throwers broke the tie and placed the Olympians ahead for the duration, and the entire team tallied a 28 for 39 free-throw success rate, and

Whereas, to be certain the victory was absolutely guaranteed, this same player scored a final layup merely seconds before the game's conclusion, and

Whereas, this dramatic finale thrilled the Oxbow fans at the Barre Auditorium as they celebrated a 43–40 victory and their team's capturing the 2012 Division III title, and

Whereas, Olympians Felicia Downing, Reilly Johnson, Lauren Tomlinson, Marian Carr, Emily Speck, Meghan Hart, Alexis Maxwell, Karley Hamilton, Mikayla Hodge, and Dilan Clements were a great team, and head coach Brian Musty, assistant coach Shawn French, and team managers Kelsi Furman, Jade Pierson, and Meaghan Williams each played roles that helped the team succeed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Oxbow Union High School Olympians 2012 Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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