

No. R-434. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hartford High School Hurricanes 2012 Division II championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.332)

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the Hurricanes of Hartford High School had never won a girls' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the 2011–2012 Hartford girls' basketball team was among the best Hurricane athletic squad ever assembled in any sport, and

Whereas, when the playoff rankings were announced, Hartford was seeded second only behind the Eagles of Mount Abraham Union High School, and, not unexpectedly, Hartford and Mount Abraham were the remaining two contenders for the Division II championship title, and

Whereas, as the game progressed, the two team's rankings seemed to be reversed as the best Mount Abraham could muster were two fleeting ties, and

Whereas, the combination of individual talent and well-timed team coordination contributed to the Hurricanes' building a 12-point halftime lead, and

Whereas, the third quarter was especially difficult for the Eagles as the strong Hurricane defense prevented a single Mount Abraham basket for a 12-minute period, including the entire third quarter, and

Whereas, with four minutes of game time remaining, the powerful Hurricane offensive line up had established a seemingly insurmountable 21-point lead, and

Whereas, thinking perhaps prematurely that their victory was sealed, the Hurricanes repeatedly allowed the Eagles to visit the free-throw line, narrowing the scoring difference, and

Whereas, although these final minutes were of concern for the Hurricanes, they defeated Mount Abraham 48–35, and departed from the Barre Auditorium as the 2012 Division II girls' basketball championship team, and

Whereas, this great Hartford squad included Kelsey Kehoe, Amy Koh, Stephanie Grobe, Colby Frechette, Jessica Barnum, Karianna Willette, Devon Day, Sarah Illingworth, Heather Illingworth, Karla Medina, Katelyn Sheldrick, Hanna Hausler, Taylor Johnson, and Clara Leister, and head coach Steve Landon and assistant coaches Heather Baker, Matt Willette, and Dave Davis were wonderful mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hartford High School Hurricanes 2012 Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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