

**No. R-157. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vergennes Union High School 2012 Division II championship baseball team.**

(H.C.R.28)

Offered by: Representative Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer, and Bray

Whereas, the Vergennes Union High School Commodores baseball team was seeded second in the 2012 Division II playoff competition and not unexpectedly reached the championship game at UVM's Centennial Field, and

Whereas, the big surprise was that Vergennes faced the 13th-seeded Thunderbirds of Missisquoi Union High School, a team consisting of determined players who batted and fielded its way into the season's most important contest, and

Whereas, Missisquoi opened the game with a quick 3–0 lead in its opening batting opportunity, an advantage that, although lasting five innings, did not foretell the game's outcome, and

Whereas, Vergennes realized that a championship victory was hardly guaranteed, and it battled back, ultimately earning a 4–3 lead that enabled the Addison County squad to clinch the 2012 Division II title and an admirable 15–5 season record, and

Whereas, the team members whose great baseball play made this victory possible included Justus Sturtevant, Chris Leach, Nick Richer, Colin Babcock, Collin Curler, Charlie Stapleford, Zach Ouellette, Timmy Shea, Tommy Lee Hodsden, Devin Hayes, Aaron Rowell, Wade Steele, Dylan Raymond, Nick Paquin, and Will Vaughn, and

Whereas, head coach George Ringer, assistant coaches Dwight Burkett and Peter Stapleford, and student manager Luke Paquin each played an important part in the team's 2012 success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vergennes Union High School 2012 Division II championship baseball team, and be it further

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