

**No. R-252. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team.**

(H.C.R.184)

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, despite their best efforts at home plate, the pitcher's mound, and in the infield and outfield, the Otter Valley Union High School Otters had not won a state baseball championship since 1976, and

Whereas, the decades of waiting for this much-sought recognition ended in 2013 with an amazing and memorable season on the baseball diamond, and

Whereas, the Otters entered the playoffs focused on a successful post-season campaign, and

Whereas, having defeated their opponent in each successive round of play, the Otters won the right to face Burr and Burton Academy at Burlington's Centennial Field in the Division II championship game, and

Whereas, in a contest that was extraordinary, Otter Valley's pitching limited Burr and Burton to a single hit and no runs, while the Otters exploded for nine runs in a convincing win which clinched the 2013 Division II baseball championship, and

Whereas, this exciting 9-0 victory was the result of Otter players Will Claessens, Brett Patterson, Ryan Kelley, Dean Douglas, Emmett Thurston, CJ McCullough, Tyler Jones, Conner Gallipo, Shane Quenneville, Chad Lonergan, John Winslow, Jim Winslow, Justin Owen, Tyler Allen, Carson Leary, Thomas Roberts, and Mike Winslow working for a common goal, and following the wise advice of Head Coach Tim Mitchell and Assistant Coaches Kevin Bedard and Jeff Jones, and

Whereas, the team returned home to a tumultuous fan welcome, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Otter Valley Union High School Otters 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 Otter Valley Union High School.