

No. R-357. House concurrent resolution congratulating Dan Gandin on becoming Vermont's most winning high school basketball coach.

(H.C.R.261)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, high school basketball is a favorite wintertime sport in Vermont, and

Whereas, over the decades, fans have watched great coaches lead teams to exciting victories, and

Whereas, among these courtside mentors, boys' basketball coach Dan Gandin rates as one of the best, and

Whereas, for 40 years, this innovative, patient, and talented coach has been guiding his teams to repeated victories, and

Whereas, Dan Gandin's coaching saga began at Chelsea High School where his 54–17 record identified him as a rising star on the coaching circuit, and

Whereas, his next stop was at Williamstown High School, where during his one-year tenure, the team posted a 14–7 record, and

Whereas, in 1979, after impressing players and fans at these Division III schools, Dan Gandin accepted a new challenge at Division II's U-32, and

Whereas, his new school proved conducive to continued success as the U-32 Raiders boys' basketball team scored numerous victories, and

Whereas, through the 40 years of Dan Gandin's coaching career, his teams have played in eight championship games, and on four occasions, 1992, 2003, 2004, and 2010, Dan Gandin's U-32 Raiders were Division II champions, and

Whereas, in 2010, Dan Gandin became one of only three Vermont high school basketball coaches to achieve his 500th victory, and

Whereas, this 2010 accomplishment was only a stepping-stone to a greater success, and

Whereas, on February 3, 2014, Dan Gandin's U-32 Raiders defeated Lyndon Institute 54–49 in an exciting come-from-behind victory, giving the veteran coach his 624th career victory, and

Whereas, this magic number of 624 was the most wins any Vermont high school basketball coach, boys' or girls', has ever achieved, and marked a special moment for both Dan Gandin and the U-32 Raiders, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dan Gandin on becoming Vermont's most winning high school basketball coach, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Gandin.