

**No. R-415. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.305)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Hoyt of Norwich

Whereas, the 2014 Division III girls' basketball championship game at the Barre Auditorium was one for the history books, and

Whereas, the two exciting teams reaching this decisive athletic contest were the No.1 seeded Thetford Academy Panthers and the No. 2 seeded Williamstown High School Blue Devils, and

Whereas, the game represented a special opportunity for the Panthers as they had never clinched a State girls' basketball title, and

Whereas, the exhilaration pervading the second half could not have been more intense, and

Whereas, midway through the third quarter, Thetford, trailing 63–55, ignited a 20–11 run that was the opening of a dual scoring extravaganza resulting in a game-ending 90–84 Panther victory, and

Whereas, not only did Thetford capture the Division III title, but the game's total 174 points were the highest in any Vermont girls' basketball championship game, and the Panthers' 90 points were the second highest a championship team ever earned, and

Whereas, the talented 2014 Panther squad included Shyann Josler, Ella Chapman, Erika Gray, Jill Clark, Tegan Pellerin, Tara Pellerin, Shenya Covey, Lydia Leitschuh, Elise Jackson, Rozzy Kidder, Michaela Pomeroy, and Kayley Gray, and the team had direction from Head Coach Eric Ward, assistant coaches Jade Huntington, Bridget Dugan-Sullivan, and Bob McConnaughy, and the support of team managers Patience Kasten and Brianna Thorburn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Thetford Academy Panthers 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 Thetford Academy.