

No. R-408. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 College of St. Joseph Lady Saints United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship women's basketball team.

(H.C.R.319)

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krebs of South Hero, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lucke of Hartford, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans Town, Purvis of Colchester, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Degree, Flory, Mullin, and Nitka

Whereas, although perhaps not as well-known as other Vermont college athletic teams, the 2016 College of St. Joseph (CSJ) Lady Saints women's basketball squad recently completed a memorable season, and

Whereas, this talented group of basketball players surmounted nearly every obstacle it encountered and defeated all its opponents, other than an NCAA Division I team, concluding with an amazing 31–1 record, and

Whereas, the highlight of the Lady Saints' 2015–2016 season was winning the United States Collegiate Athletic Association's (USCAA) Division II women's basketball championship game in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where CSJ defeated Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences 73–46 and executed a USCAA championship game record 20 steals, and

Whereas, the remarkable team included Shamari Brodhead, Chontayvia Kennedy, Arreonte Anderson, Regina Steele, Jazsala Laracuente, Nia Gilchrist, Elizabeth Turco, and Kelly Festa, and

Whereas, Coach Chris Wood and Assistant Coach Ebony Jones brought their extensive basketball experience front and center as they led the Lady Saints to a historic championship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 College of St. Joseph Lady Saints United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship women's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the director of athletics at the College of St. Joseph.