

NO. R-20. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
THE 2008 U-32 RAIDERS DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS' SOCCER  
TEAM.

(H.C.R.5)

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

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the U-32 High School boys' soccer team, the Division II champion  
team in 2005 and 2007, has a reputation for precision play, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Raiders performed to the highest standards on the field  
and took their fifth-seeded team into the Division II championship at Middlebury,  
where they faced sixth-seeded cross-county rival, the Harwood Union High  
School Highlanders, and

Whereas, the two teams were expecting a challenging matchup, and neither  
side was disappointed, and

Whereas, although Harwood retained possession of the ball for much of the  
contest, when it came to scoring, U-32 proved the more adept team, and

Whereas, U-32 broke a scoreless tie with slightly more than a minute remaining  
in the first half of the game when a Raider intercepted the ball approximately 30  
yards from the goal and immediately directed it to a position located in easy  
scoring range near the goal posts, and

Whereas, the Raiders took their narrow 1–0 lead into the second half, and a  
series of U-32 offensive moves that began at the 60th minute of play resulted in a  
Raider being situated just outside the right post where a Harwood defender tripped  
him, and

Whereas, the tripping call triggered a penalty kick opportunity for U-32 that it utilized to full advantage as the ball landed in the net for the game's second and final goal, ensuring the Raiders their third Division II boys' soccer title in four years, and

Whereas, Raiders Jordan Hepburn, Will Gilbert, Mitchell Ferrada, Connor Myers, Ethan Byrd, Robbie Rea III, Alex Ostrum, Silas Chickering-Ayers, Carter Austin-Bradley, Jack Shea, Jordan Black-Deegan, Austin Hopkins, Cody Croteau, Mac Mills, Drew Sorenson, Caleb Brabant, John Cutler, and Ryan Shea all dedicated their time and energy to developing a great team, and Head Coach Joe Ferrada wisely advised his players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joe Ferrada at U-32 High School.