

No. R-118. House concurrent resolution congratulating University of Vermont basketball player Marqus Blakely on his 1,000th career point and award-winning accomplishments.

(H.C.R.74)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bray of New Haven, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clerkin of Hartford, Frank of Underhill, Head of South Burlington, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jewett of Ripton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lenos of Shelburne, Maier of Middlebury, Masland of Thetford, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury and Weston of Burlington

Whereas, one of the brightest stars and most valued players on the University of Vermont basketball team is junior Marqus Blakely of Metuchen, New Jersey, and

Whereas, the extent of his offensive skill was adeptly exhibited at an away game against the State University of New York at Stony Brook on January 17, 2009 when he scored his 1,000th career point, and

Whereas, this impressive scoring plateau was reached in a game in which Marqus Blakely was extremely successful on the scoring front with a total of 20 points, one more than he needed to reach the magic mark, including sending the ball through the hoop on 7 of 10 attempts from the floor, and

Whereas, he also achieved five boards, three steals, and two blocks during the course of play, and the Catamounts left Stony Brook victorious with a convincing 83–72 win over their America East rival, and

Whereas, Marqus Blakely is the 28th basketball Catamount to achieve this scoring distinction, and

Whereas, the junior began this year after an extraordinary sophomore season that featured him leading America East in point, rebounds, and blocks per game; only the second league player to be at the top in each category, and

Whereas, in recognition of his amazing 2007–2008 record, Marqus Blakely earned the special honor of being the first player in the league’s history to be named both the Kevin Roberson America East Player of the Year and the Defensive Player of the Year during the same season, and

Whereas, Marqus Blakely continues to enthrall his many fans during the Catamounts 2008–2009 hoop campaign, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates University of Vermont basketball player Marqus Blakely on his 1,000th career point and award-winning accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marqus Blakely at the University of Vermont.