

No. R-214. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 University of Vermont Catamounts nationally third-ranked men's ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.150)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Ancel of Calais, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Howard of Rutland City, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krawczyk of Bennington, Larocque of Barnet, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Minter of Waterbury, Mook of Bennington, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Orr of Charlotte, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Maynard, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Scott, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White

Whereas, the University of Vermont (UVM) men's ice hockey Catamounts played an exciting season, drawing the attention and acclaim of collegiate hockey fans everywhere, and

Whereas, the high caliber of hockey seen at Gutterson Fieldhouse was documented for 15 consecutive weeks, as the USA Today/USA Hockey Poll consistently ranked UVM among the top 10 college hockey teams in the United States, and

Whereas, a double overtime victory against the Air Force Academy in the Eastern Regional final gave the Catamounts their first berth since 1996 in the Frozen Four national collegiate hockey championship, and

Whereas, in Washington, D.C., the Catamounts faced their Hockey East rival, the top-seeded Boston University Terriers, a team UVM had defeated on two of three occasions this winter, and

Whereas, the Catamounts proved extremely resilient, recouping strongly from a first period 2–0 deficit as they scored their first goal at 3:50 of the second period, using a quick wrist shot, and

Whereas, UVM scored a power-play goal to even the score at 2–all at 9:04 of the second period, and

Whereas, the Catamount’s adrenaline was on a roll as they surged ahead 3-2 just 45 seconds after tying the score, but the Terriers fought back to deadlock the game late in the second period, and

Whereas, with so much at stake in the final period of this national semifinal contest, everyone was playing with renewed energy, and

Whereas, approximately halfway into the third period, another power-play goal enabled UVM to establish a new 4–3 lead, but sadly this margin proved fragile as the Terriers again tied the score at 13:06, and

Whereas, the miracle UVM season of impossible dreams effectively ended a minute and three seconds later when the Terriers scored one last time, clinching a hard fought 5–4 win, and

Whereas, Catamounts John Vazzano, Drew MacKenzie, Peter Lenes, Patrick Cullity, Brayden Irwin, Kyle Medvec, Justin Milo, Dean Strong, Wahsontio Stacey, Colin Vock, Chris Atkinson, Corey Carlson, Brian Roloff, Kevan Miller, Jay Anctil, Matt Marshall, Viktor Stalberg, Josh Franklin, Lance Herrington, Jack Downing, Josh Burrows, Jonathan Higgins, Brett Leonard, Kyle Kuk, Dan Lawson, Rob Madore, and Mike Spillane experienced a nearly successful thrilling quest for the national championship, and each of these players can be extremely proud, and

Whereas, head coach Kevin Sneddon, associate head coach John Micheletto, and assistant coaches Willie Mitchell and Terry Lovelette gave the squad enormous assistance and support, and

Whereas, Catamounts, and their 22–12–5 record, were honored with a third-place national ranking in the final 2008–2009 USA Today/USA Hockey Poll, the highest UVM’s men’s hockey team has ever been placed, bringing the memorable 2008–2009 season to a glorious conclusion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly proudly congratulates the 2009 University of Vermont Catamounts nationally third-ranked men’s ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kevin Sneddon at the University of Vermont.