

No. R-323. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship football team.

(H.C.R.206)

Offered by: Representatives Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Martin of Wolcott, Myers of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, in 2009, all the elements for a great football season coalesced at Essex High School due to the squad's talented athletes who cared foremost about their team's success, and

Whereas, on the night of Friday, November 13, the Hornets faced the Rutland High School Raiders at Burlington High School's field for the season's Division I championship finale, and

Whereas, the Hornet quarterback, who was ultimately responsible for throwing three touchdown passes, began the evening's scoring with his own four-yard run across the goal line, and

Whereas, although the Raiders soon tied the contest, Essex recovered almost immediately and by halftime was comfortably ahead 27-7, and

Whereas, the second half's highlights included a Hornet receiver completing a 48-yard touchdown run, and a spectacular 80-yard punt return that placed another six Essex points on the scoreboard, helping the Hornets to defeat Rutland 48-14 and capture the 2009 Division I football championship, their first since 1992, and

Whereas, the Hornets who made this entire 11-0 undefeated 2009 season a reality were David Bowers, Alex Maglione, Ryan Mitchell, Max Librizzi, Chaz Legge, Tyler Porter, Pat Nee, Adam Picard, Ammon Doney, Johnny

Joseph, Kurt Simendinger, Kevin Jenko, Taylor Amato, Derek McAdoo, Pete Shaw, Ian Goodnow, Evan McCrea, Jay McCormack, Cooper Shaw, Teddy Andrews, Ethan Curtis, Dylan Greer, Adam Slocum, Mike Fraser, Nick Thayer, Jordan Larson, Kyle Kane, Alex Senn, Sam Schonberg, Robbie Mumley, Kyle Ryan, Trey Hudson, Tyler Farnsworth, Emery Robair, Seamus Page, Max Reinecke, Beau Brooks, Mike DiMambro, David Valley, Mike Maloney, Jordan Goodrich, Andrew Barrows, Jack Valley, Ryan Powlus, and Peter Mergens, and

Whereas, Head Coach Charlie Burnett and assistant coaches Randy Burnett, Mark Ginsburg, Dave Neil, Kyle Blindow, Dean Corkum, Tim Root, and Ken Fontaine brought their great wisdom to bear in instructing the Hornet players, and

Whereas, ball spotter Mark Bombard, ball runners Alex Godin and Bill Hennessey, team statisticians Art Stultz and Paul Jarvis, and athletic trainers Leo Labonte, Toria Cornett, and Travis Warmouth all deserve recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Burnett at Essex High School.