

**No. R-354. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Colchester High School Lakers Division II championship football team.**

(H.C.R.183)

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Spengler of Colchester and Zenie of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, the undefeated Colchester High School Lakers earned the first seed in the 2009 Division II football playoffs, and their chance to clinch the school's first state championship since 1998, and

Whereas, with less than a minute left in the opening quarter, Colchester scored a safety in the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS) Redhawks' end zone to score the afternoon's first two points, and

Whereas, shortly before the halftime break, the Redhawks responded with an eight-point touchdown-conversion play, giving them an 8–2 lead, and

Whereas, CVUHS's lead proved fleeting as the Lakers recovered an onside kick early in the third period, and in combination with an 11-yard scoring run from the 11-yard line, plus a point after kick, achieved a new 9–8 point advantage, and

Whereas, Colchester's fans loudly cheered when a quick-paced Laker scampered 74 yards down the field for the school's second touchdown that, supplemented with a point after kick, placed the team on top 16–8, and

Whereas, although CVUHS again scored a touchdown, its two-point deficit soon increased to eight as the Lakers rushed for 63 yards in five plays to make

the final score 22–14 in Colchester’s favor, giving its ecstatic fans their first ever state football championship, and

Whereas, these great football Lakers were Devon Grammo, Huy Troung, Binh Buih, Tyler Maynard, Jack Leclerc, Taylor St. Germain, Luke Porter, Alec Kozlowski, Tyler Combs, Jake Mann, Pat Sommerville, Sean Eustace, Isaac Delabruere, Matt Ravey, Shawn Place, Jared Vettters, Tyler Ward, Zack Snelling, DJ Keough, Jay Morgan, Scott Porter, Chris Poirier, Pete Cormier, Ryan Crowley, James Bean, Jordan Young, Aaron Hodge, Elias Carter, Hogan Smith, Keith Kennett, Nate Maple, Cory Edwards, Tyler Wells, Greg Olio, Pete Lamothe, Jimmy Deeghan, Shayne Circe, and Tim Palmer, and

Whereas, the dedication and wisdom of Head Coach Tom Perry and assistant coaches Ryan O’Hara, Antony Dennis, Mike Bombardier, Kevin Ose, Bill McClintock, Tim Bruner, Jeff Porter, and Nick Torres were fundamental to the team’s wonderful season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Colchester High School Lakers Division II championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Perry at Colchester High School.