

**No. R-469. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Conference championship men's basketball team.**

(H.C.R.314)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the 2009–2010 regular season was one of the University of Vermont's (UVM) men's basketball team's finest as the Catamounts ended the pretournament hoop campaign winning seven of their final eight games, and

Whereas, as the No. 2 America East Conference tournament team, UVM encountered no difficulty in its quarterfinal matchup against the No. 7 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, easily defeating its opponent 76–59, and

Whereas, moving forward into the semifinal round, the Catamounts once again made their win appear simple as they outscored their rivals from across the Connecticut River, the University of New Hampshire, 57–38, and

Whereas, the added welcome of a hometown crowd greeted the Catamounts as they took to the floor at Patrick Gymnasium ready to wage basketball battle against the Boston University Terriers for the America East Conference championship, and

Whereas, the Catamounts opened the game with a 7–0 run, and they achieved a 64 percent shooting success rate from the floor during the first half, which ended with UVM on top of the Terriers 42–31, and

Whereas, the Catamounts learned they could not rest on their laurels as the Terriers charged back in the second half, narrowing UVM's lead to a slight 54–53 with 10:20 remaining, and still later, Boston University was trailing by only four points, 62–58, and

Whereas, recognizing a winning response was needed, the Catamounts initiated a 6–0 run, and they soon built a scoring advantage that never dropped below eight points, and

Whereas, when the last second of play was completed, UVM had clinched a clear 83–70 victory and the 2010 America East Conference men's basketball crown, and

Whereas, the newly won 2010 America East Conference title helped the Catamounts earn the No. 16 seed in the 65-team NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, despite a talented squad playing at its optimum, the Catamounts could not keep the No. 1 seeded Syracuse University Orange down as the upstate New York school emerged with a 79–56 victory, ending UVM's 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, Catamounts Luke Apfeld, Joey Accaoui, Nick Vier, Simeon Marsalis, Brendan Bald, Garvey Young, Marqus Blakely, Maurice Joseph, Pat Bergmann, Evan Fjeld, Ben Crenca, and Garrett Kissel savored their team's record-tying 25 wins, and head coach Mike Lonergan, assistant coaches Hajj Turner, Matt Hahn, and John Becker, director of operations Matt O'Brien,

athletic trainer Grant Wilson III, and strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet all played key roles in UVM's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Conference championship men's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont athletics department.