

**No. R-181. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Richford High School Rockets Division III championship girls' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.138)

Offered by: Representatives Pearce of Richford, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans City, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Degree, McAllister, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, the 2014–2015 Richford High School Rockets girls' basketball team were not an expert's pick to win this year's Division III championship, and

Whereas, the Rockets started the season with a positive attitude, convinced they had the players needed to make the team a 2015 championship contender, and

Whereas, through the regular season and playoffs, their on-court performance, be it on offense or defense, was far above average, and

Whereas, the Rockets earned a right to a championship game courtside bench and the privilege of challenging top-seeded Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, in this decisive game, rankings proved irrelevant, as Richford had a four-quarter command of the ball, and the Rockets outplayed Thetford for a stunning 71–36 victory and clinched the 2015 Division III championship, and

Whereas, the talented Rockets, who completed a great 20–4 season, included Marijella Collins, Alexandria Benoit, Jalyn Collins, Allie O' Brien, Sarah Doe, Morgan McAllister, Sadie Fuller, Hannah Gleason, and Gabby Coons, and

Whereas, first-year coach Jenessa Swainbank began her coaching career on a high note, and assistant coaches Kasey Thompson and Jennifer Gross and team manager Julie Gleason were each extremely helpful throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Richford High School Rockets Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richford High School.