

No. R-314. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Middlebury College Panthers National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III championship field hockey team.

(H.C.R.236)

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Baser of Bristol, Eastman of Orwell, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the Middlebury College Panthers won the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) field hockey championship from 2012–2014, thrice defeating the Bowdoin College Polar Bears, and although Bowdoin clinched this title in 2015, greater glory awaited the Panthers at the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III field hockey championship played at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and

Whereas, third-ranked Middlebury faced first-ranked Bowdoin for the prestigious 2015 NCAA title, and

Whereas, at the 25:45 mark of the first half, the Panthers scored the game's only goal, capturing the NCAA Division III championship, their first since 1998, and

Whereas, the jubilant Panthers included Carson Peacock, Anna Kenyon, Molly Freeman, Audrey Quirk, Grace Jennings, Lauren Schweppe, Susanna Baker, Amanda Bozorgi, Fiona Sullivan, Pam Schulman, Lily Taub, Shannon Hutteman, Bridget Instrum, Jillian Green, Megan Mahoney, Caroline Knapp, Annie Leonard, Lauren Berestecky, Evangeline Dunphy, and Emily Miller, and

Whereas, Head Coach Katharine DeLorenzo and assistant coaches Meredith Rowe and Andrea Way inspired the team throughout the season and NESCAC and NCAA playoffs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Middlebury College Panthers National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Middlebury College Department of Athletics.