

**No. R-429. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Mount St. Joseph Academy Lady Mounties Division IV championship girls' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.336)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, with approximately two-thirds of the 2014–2015 Mount St. Joseph Academy (MSJ) Division IV girls' basketball champions returning, the Lady Mounties were strong contenders to repeat this athletic feat, and

Whereas, MSJ's regular season play was nearly flawless as it entered the playoff competition with a record that included only one defeat, and

Whereas, in the playoffs, the Mounties played their best and were rewarded with a berth in the Division IV championship game at Barre Auditorium against their neighbor, West Rutland High School, and

Whereas, in a relatively close contest, the Mounties outlasted West Rutland to win the game 42–36, capture the 2016 Division IV championship, and become the first MSJ basketball team to win consecutive basketball titles, and

Whereas, the skilled MSJ (22–1) team consisted of Jenna Eaton, Olivia Corbett, Gabby Giancola, Izzy Harvey, Logan Fuller, Shannon Elms, Amy Nichols, Monica Schmelzenbach, Sophia Duffy, Ann Blott, Fatima Hussnane, Emily Rappeno, Kristen Elliott, and Miracle Wood, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dan Elliott, and his assistants Aaron Eaton and Bill Bruso, guided the Mounties expertly and successfully to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Mount St. Joseph Academy Lady Mounties Division IV championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mount St. Joseph Academy.