

No. R-150. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 University of Vermont Catamounts America East championship men's basketball team.

(H.C.R.116)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, from late December 2016 into March 2017, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts men's basketball team tallied 21 consecutive victories, creating a winning streak that at its conclusion was the nation's longest in men's intercollegiate basketball competition, and

Whereas, at the America East Conference championship, played before an enthralled hometown crowd at Patrick Gymnasium, top-seeded UVM, trailing 47–38 with 8:45 remaining in regulation play, bounced back to defeat the State University of New York at Albany Great Danes 56–53 to win the conference title and earn the Catamounts its sixth berth since 2003 in the NCAA men's basketball championship tournament (March Madness), and

Whereas, at their first round NCAA game in Milwaukee, the 13th-seeded Catamounts kept pace for much of the game, trailing the fourth-seeded Purdue Boilermakers 37–36 at halftime, and although finishing on the low side of an 80–70 score, the team can take enormous pride in this season's amazing accomplishments, and

Whereas, these impressive Catamounts were Ben Shungu, Josh Hearlihy, Trae Bell-Haynes, Anthony Lamb, David Urso, Sam Dingba, Darren Payen, Cam Ward, Kian Dalrymple, Ernie Duncan, Everett Duncan, Dre Wills, Drew Urquhart, Josh Speidel, Kurt Steidl, Payton Henson, and Nate Rohrer, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Becker; assistant coaches Kyle Cieplicki, Ryan Schneider, and Hamlet Tibbs; and strength coach Marc Hickok were savvy team advisors, and the help of team managers Andrew Gale, Derryk O'Grady, Earle Brown, and Caleb Breslin was always appreciated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 University of Vermont Catamounts America East 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 University of Vermont.