

No. R-163. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning a fifth consecutive Division I girls' basketball championship.

(H.C.R.128)

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, having captured the prior four Division I crowns, the 2016–2017 Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks focused on equaling the record for consecutive Division I girls' basketball championships, and

Whereas, their strong regular season play, combined with a second seeding for the playoffs, boded well for CVU's achieving this special goal, and

Whereas, the Redhawks' undefeated playoff record blazed their pathway into the Division I championship game against the top-seeded St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, and

Whereas, in a contest that concluded on a dramatic note, the Redhawks, who held a one-point lead with 9.1 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, successfully hit two shots from the free throw line to secure a 36–33 victory and their school's fifth straight Division I title, and

Whereas, the jubilant 21–3 Redhawks, who also tied a Division I basketball record, for either gender, for a school's most consecutive wins at Patrick Gymnasium were Maryn Askew, Nicole Eaton, Mekkena Boyd, Jaime Vachon, Meghan Gilwee, Harper Mead, Marlee Gunn, Julia Neeld, Lindsey Albertelli, Abby Thut, Katie Usher, Shannon Loiseau, and Kaylee Beyor, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ute Otley and assistant coaches Dick Carlson, Ann Durkee, Cathy Kohlasch, and Katie Kuntz were also thrilled, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning a fifth consecutive girls' Division I basketball championship, and be it further

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