

No. R-168. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Williamstown High School Blue Devils on winning the Division III boys' basketball championship.

(H.C.R.133)

Offered by: Representatives Graham of Williamstown and Frenier of Chelsea

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, as the new season began, memories of the 2016 Division III championship game loss to Hazen Union High School, ending the Blue Devils' quest for a fifth consecutive boys' basketball crown, remained with the Williamstown players, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils strove to resume their winning ways as they lost only one 2016–2017 regular season game and were seeded first for the playoffs, and

Whereas, Williamstown's prize for its continued tenacity on the court was a championship rematch at the Barre Auditorium against its rival, second-seeded Hazen Union High School, and

Whereas, unlike in 2016, the Blue Devils' impressive offense and pressure defense enabled Williamstown to score a 71–48 victory with minimal difficulty and clinch the 2017 Division III title, and

Whereas, Blue Devils Caleb Sweet, Ben Bristow, Nathan Poulin, Brandon Carrier, Jacob Tassie, Brandon Covey, Devin O'Neill, Cameron Flinn, Eric Hulbert, Jared Dwinell, and Garrett Metcalf played a great season and appreciated the encouragement of team manager TJ DeRose and statistician Dan Robinson, and

Whereas, the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association awarded Division III Coach of the Year honors to Head Coach Jack Carrier who had great support from assistant coaches Jordan Bergeron, Tony Matz, and Adam Wheatley, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Williamstown High School Blue Devils on winning the Division III boys' basketball championship, and be it further

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