

**No. R-173. House concurrent resolution congratulating Maureen Eddy on graduating from the Team IMPACT program and the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team for its devotion to this worthy endeavor.**

(H.C.R.138)

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Maureen Eddy of South Burlington and her sister, Kelly Eddy, were born with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), and

Whereas, CF is a life-threatening genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, over 150 of whom live in Vermont, and

Whereas, the nonprofit Team IMPACT partners with collegiate sports teams to facilitate the inclusion of children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses as honorary teammates, providing a vital life learning experience for the athletes and increasing awareness of such illnesses, and

Whereas, the child is officially drafted onto the team at a draft day event and then participates in many activities, including practices and meals with the team, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team drafted Maureen Eddy, now 17 years of age, to be its youngest team member, and

Whereas, during the past five years, the Saint Michael's students have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the Team IMPACT program, both in welcoming Maureen Eddy to numerous activities and participating in events to raise awareness and funds for the Northern New England chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and

Whereas, medical and patient support teams are an integral part of maintaining and improving the lives of individuals living with CF, and

Whereas, Maureen Eddy has received invaluable medical care from Dr. Thomas Lahiri and the dedicated staff of the University of Vermont Medical Center, and is proud to be graduating from the Team IMPACT program, and

Whereas, the Eddy Family has benefited from the tremendous support of Brian Callanan, the Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation's executive director, and of Jim Gilbert and the staff of the Northern New England Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Maureen Eddy on graduating from the Team IMPACT program and the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team for its devotion to this worthy endeavor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maureen Eddy and to St. Michael's College.