

No. R-208. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Burlington High School Seahorses Division I championship boys' soccer team.

(H.C.R.169)

Offered by: Representatives Ode of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, and Sirotkin

Whereas, perhaps no other Vermont high school athletic team was as internationally diverse as the 2016 Division I Burlington Seahorses soccer squad, featuring players representing 13 nationalities, and

Whereas, the talented Seahorses played cohesively and effectively as they brought their second-seeded standing into the Division I playoffs and proceeded to tally three shutouts prior to facing the top-seeded Essex High School Hornets in the championship game at Burlington's Buck Hard Field, and

Whereas, the Seahorses (17–1) defeated the Hornets 1–0 with a decisive second-half goal, and they won the 2016 Division I title and were ranked 15th place nationally, among over 16,000 U.S. high school soccer programs, in the Army National Guard-sponsored MaxPreps Tour of Champions, a special accomplishment recognized at a school assembly, and

Whereas, the victorious Seahorses were Madey Madey, Jakob Markle, Jonas Lobe, Julian Segar Reid, Christian Kibabu, Heritier Badibanga, Alex Dinklage, Diatourou Drame, Bienfait Badibanga, Seraphin Iradukunda, Campbell Smith, Owen Clark, Hussein Mubarak, Jake Kuypers, Nay Htet Lay, Arun Karki, Ismail Liban, Hashim Muse, Matt Burbo, Ekrem Hadzic, Abinash Rai, Niels Arentzen, Spencer McDonald, and Jonah Guth, and

Whereas, Head Coach Fran Demasi, assistant coach Josh Markle, and manager Tanner King were proud of the team's State and national recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Burlington High School Seahorses Division I championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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