

No. R-220. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.181)

Offered by: Representatives Masland and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, the Thetford Academy Panthers girls' basketball squad played convincingly throughout the 2017–2018 regular season, and

Whereas, Thetford advanced to the championship game at the Barre Auditorium for the fourth consecutive year, and

Whereas, the Panthers faced the first-seeded and nearby rival Windsor Yellowjackets in the championship game, a team Thetford played twice in the regular season, with each squad posting one win, and

Whereas, the Panthers maintained a five-point lead at the conclusion of the first half, and despite a second-half Windsor surge that gave the Yellowjackets a 15-point lead with only 5:45 remaining in regulation time, the Panthers' remarkable play in the final seconds netted Thetford a 53–52 win and its second Division III title in the past four years, and

Whereas, Panthers Emily Emerson, Taylor Hollis, Danielle Robinson, Brooke Horniak, Grace Davis, Dahlia Klarich, Kate Vaughan, Jordan Mousley, Nicolette Brown, Molly Higgins, Izzy Wilmott, Lily Brown, Harlee Gray, Regan Covey, and Ellen Veracka were proud of their come-from-behind victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Eric Ward, assistant coaches Jeff Vaughan and Bridget Dugan-Sullivan, and managers Grace Veracka and Ella Farrell-Starr oversaw this resilient Panther team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Thetford Academy.