

No. R-44. House concurrent resolution congratulating Eric Maxham on establishing a new Vermont boys' soccer goal-scoring record and his father, Scott Maxham, on the conclusion of his outstanding West Rutland coaching career.

(H.C.R.32)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, for 20 of the past 23 soccer seasons, Scott Maxham has served as the superb coach for the West Rutland High School Golden Horde, and

Whereas, Scott Maxham's son, West Rutland senior Eric Maxham, has inherited his father's love for the game of soccer, and

Whereas, Eric Maxham voluntarily devoted countless hours, beyond team practice sessions, to improving his skills, and

Whereas, his father describes Eric as "a great soccer player but even a nicer young man," and

Whereas, in one 2017 game, an injured Eric Maxham insisted on continuing, despite his father's concern, and the younger Maxham persevered to score the game's final goal, and

Whereas, one teammate commented that Eric Maxham was always assisting his teammates and admiringly described Eric as "a crazy player," and

Whereas, in October 2018, in a game against Bellows Falls Union High School, Eric Maxham scored his 112th career goal, in the form of a 45-yard free kick, setting a new State high school goal-scoring record, and he is only the fourth Vermonter to exceed the century-goal mark, and

Whereas, Scott Maxham described his son's record as unfathomable, and

Whereas, Eric Maxham's remarkable feats on the soccer field continued as he concluded his high school career with 128 goals and 69 assists and set a Golden Horde single-season record of 38 goals, and

Whereas, when the Golden Horde lost the 2018 Division IV championship, in a heartbreaking 1-0 overtime defeat to the Arlington Eagles, several of the opposing team's players made a special effort to console Eric Maxham as a sign of their deep respect for this talented athlete, and

Whereas, Scott Maxham, whose post-game decorum at the championship game won special praise from the *Rutland Herald*, is concluding his West Rutland coaching career with over 100 victories, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Eric Maxham on establishing a new Vermont boys' soccer goal-scoring record and his father, Scott Maxham, on the conclusion of his outstanding West Rutland coaching career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric Maxham and Scott Maxham.