

No. R-134. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III girls' basketball championship team.

(H.C.R.108)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, entering the 2018–2019 season, the Thetford Academy Panthers had previously appeared in five consecutive Division III championship games, giving them a unique familiarity with the rigors of postseason competition, and

Whereas, in this season's playoffs, the second-seeded Panthers secured another championship game berth at the Barre Auditorium, where the eighth-seeded Oxbow Union High School Olympians were their surprising opponents, and

Whereas, although Thetford led throughout the contest, the fourth quarter demonstrated why the Olympians were championship contenders, as they narrowed the Panthers' lead to five points before Thetford rallied for a 42–36 victory and its third Division III title, and

Whereas, the victorious Panthers were Ellen Veracka, Lily Brown, Casey MacVeagh, Emma Colby, Grace Davis, Emi Vaughan, Kelsey Smith, Abby Berard, Namy Benjamin, Kiana Johnson, Becca Wells, and Lily MacVeagh, and

Whereas, Head Coach Eric Ward, assistant coaches Karen Colby and Jeff Vaughan, and team manager Jade Jamieson each played a key role in the Panthers' great 2018–2019 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

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