No. R-279. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.214)

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford and Cole of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, Collamore, McCormack, and White

Whereas, Todd Bebeau, the veteran coach of the Hartford High School Hurricanes boys' ice hockey team, has described his 13–7–3 2023–2024 squad as "imperfectly perfect," meaning that, notwithstanding the level of the playing skills, the grit demonstrated on the ice determined the team's fate, and

Whereas, this special ingredient proved decisive as the third-seeded Hurricanes challenged the top-ranked Colchester High School Lakers for the Division II title at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, and

Whereas, the teams departed the ice tied after the first period, but early in the second period, while enjoying a man advantage, the Hurricanes quickly scored, and Hartford's strategically effective defense, in combination with a final goal at only 11.8 seconds before the third period's conclusion, clinched a 3–1 victory and the school's first championship since 2009, and

Whereas, Hurricanes Frankie Cushing, Jaden Poirier, Cavan Benjamin, Tyler Spaulding, Nick Daniels, Nolan Morlock, Jacob Dube, Ezra Mock, Lochlan Park, Richard Rosenbeck, Logan Caffrey, Tighe Hrabchak, Matt Hayes, Colin Morlock, Nate Clark, Nick Facto, Carter Williams, and Nunu Mayer were elated, and

Whereas, Head Coach Todd Bebeau; assistant coaches Erin Stevens, Nathan Robinson, and Greg Balsam; and film assistant Frankie Thatcher offered great leadership and support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartford High School.