

**No. R-17. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 University of Vermont Catamounts on winning their school's first NCAA Division I men's soccer championship (College Cup).**

(H.C.R.12)

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

*Whereas*, the saga of the 2024 University of Vermont (UVM) men's soccer squad, affectionately known as the "Cardiac Cats" in honor of their late game-winning goals, exceeds the allure of a Grimm Brothers' fairy tale, and

*Whereas*, although they were the 2024 America East men's soccer champions, unseeded UVM astounded the pundits as the Catamounts reached the coveted semifinal round, winning this penultimate soccer challenge against the third-seeded University of Denver in a thrilling 4–3 overtime triumph, and

*Whereas*, in the championship game, played at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina, and bound for legendary status, UVM faced 13th-ranked Marshall University; and despite Marshall scoring first at the 67-minute mark, UVM rebounded with a goal in the 81st minute, forcing the game into a climactic overtime period, when the Cardiac Cats (16–2–6) clinched the NCAA title with a decisive goal less than five minutes into the extra time frame, and

*Whereas*, these amazing Catamounts were Lou Liedtka, Niklas Herceg, Nathan Siméon, Mike Bleeker, Cole Richardson, Adrian Schulze Solano, Connor Thompson, Andrew Millar, Niels Hartman, Maximilian Kissel, Nick Lockermann, Yaniv Bazini, Nash Barlow, David Ismail, Ethan Czapowski, Gianluca Armellino, Ioannis Vassiliou, Marcell Papp, Toby Grant, Karl Daly, Sydney Wathuta, TJ Liquori, Pieter Bultman, Ryan Zellefrow, Zach Barrett, Jeremy Tsang, Max Murray, and Mitchell Ringman, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Robert Dow, Associate Head Coach Brad Cole, Assistant Coach Rory Twomey, Goalkeeper Coach Brendan Pulley, Assistant Athletic Performance Coach Mike Ederer, Athletic Trainer Hannah Tremel, Director of Operations Mack Walton, and student managers Eli Ross and Eric Bissell were all elated with this amazing victory, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 University of Vermont Catamounts on winning their school's first NCAA Division I men's soccer championship (College Cup), *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont Athletics Department.