

**No. R-43. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Green Mountain Union High School Chieftains Division III championship boys' soccer team.**

(H.C.R.34)

Offered by Representatives Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Morrow of Weston, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

*Whereas*, the high caliber of the boys' soccer team at Green Mountain Union High School is reflected in the Chieftains earning a Division III championship game berth for four of the past six years, and

*Whereas*, despite their strong athletic performance in recent years, the coveted divisional crown had eluded the team, and the third-seeded 2024 squad was determined to return home victorious from the pivotal contest played at Rutland's Alumni Field against the top-seeded Stowe High School Raiders, and

*Whereas*, the outlook for the Chieftains was initially problematic as the Raiders scored first at 7:18 into the first half, and a chaotic scene at the goal line following Green Mountain's first attempt to score created the conditions for a successful second attempt, and in the second half, Green Mountain broke the midgame tie, scoring with 21:12 remaining in regulation play, only to watch Stowe score its second goal at the 18:30 mark, and

*Whereas*, the perseverance of Green Mountain (17–1 for the year) was richly rewarded when the team scored the winning goal at 10:32 into overtime, sending the joyous Chieftains' Mason Parker, Rasmus Backlund, Andrei Solzhentisyn, Caleb Merrow, Max Peebles, Sawyer Shepard, Ryan Jenkins, Andrew Alexander, Mason Cassidy, Logan Williams, Collin Rose, Theo Schilling, Joachim Gibson, Logan Knight, Seth Pelkey, Caden Spittle, Derek Hodgdon, Evan Kirdzik, Tanner Swisher, Reece Cassin, and Wyatt Koch home as members of the winning team, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Jake Walker and assistant coaches Scott Walker and Justin Veysey were proud of the players' great scoring and goalkeeping efforts, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Green Mountain Union High School Chieftains Division III championship boys' soccer team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Green Mountain Union High School.