

**No. R-218. House concurrent resolution congratulating Twin Valley High School Athletic Director extraordinaire and 500 game-winning boys' soccer coach Buddy Hayford.**

(H.C.R.177)

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Harrison, Hashim and Plunkett

*Whereas*, typically, high school graduation concludes students' daily association with their alma mater, but for Buddy Hayford, Twin Valley class of 1975, a different path ensued, and

*Whereas*, after earning his bachelor's degree at the former Lyndon State College, Buddy Hayford returned home to Twin Valley to commence a legendary career as a physical education instructor, multisport coach, and now, in his 39th academic year, the longest-serving high school athletic director in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, as a girls' basketball coach, Buddy Hayford compiled an enviable 34-season 437–283 record that included two state titles and four second-place season records, and he has previously coached softball, baseball, and tennis, and in 2026 he will coach track and field for an 11th season, and

*Whereas*, on September 9, 2025, Buddy Hayford, who, for over 43 years of coaching Wildcats boys' soccer, guided over 350 players on the pitch and clinched 10 divisional titles, summited a new career peak, becoming the first Vermont high school soccer coach, and only the fourth in New England, to clinch a 500th victory, as the Wildcats overwhelmed Green Mountain Union High School 10–1 in a contest that truly reflected this momentous occasion and increased his career boys' soccer coaching record to 500–163–27, and

*Whereas*, at a postgame ceremony featuring firetrucks, police cars, and banners, current and former coaching colleagues and players exuberantly congratulated Buddy Hayford on this historic milestone, and

*Whereas*, in recognition of Buddy Hayford's superb teaching and coaching leadership, which he considers as synonymous, Twin Valley has named the school's athletic field in his honor, and the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association, and Lyndon State College have elected him to their respective organizations' halls of fame, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Twin Valley High School Athletic Director extraordinaire and 500 game-winning boys' soccer coach Buddy Hayford, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Buddy Hayford and Twin Valley High School.