

**No. R-231. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Panthers boys' indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division II championship.**

(H.C.R.190)

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

*Whereas*, although Thetford Academy is primarily a Division III varsity sports school, for indoor track and field it is a Division II competitor against larger secondary institutions, and

*Whereas*, the boys' indoor track and field team treats this size disparity as a challenge and not a deterrence to successful competition, as the Panthers demonstrated when they clinched the 2025 Division II crown, and

*Whereas*, in 2026, the Panthers again demonstrated their track and field skills, placing first in the 55-meter dash (6.60 seconds), the 300-meter run (36.96 seconds), the high jump (5 feet, 10.75 inches), the long jump (21 feet, 11.75 inches), and the weight throw (40 feet, nine inches), as well as in their winning time of 3 minutes, 55 seconds in the first-round race of the 4x400 relay, to repeat as Division II champions, narrowly outscoring rival U-32 115–109, and

*Whereas*, Panthers Zac Adams, Wendell Durham, Oliver Emery, Oliver Goodrich, Owen Goodrich, Tanner Hardy, Peter Horan, Daniel Mann, Kit Payson, Sebastian Perdrizet, Stone Riegler, Connor Sloop, Hayden Southworth, Emmett Terry, and David Thaxton, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Charlie Buttrey and assistant coaches Jorl Breakstone, Charlize Brown, Cole Chapman, and Vanessa Riegler were proud of these dedicated athletes, and

*Whereas*, all the Vermont indoor varsity track and field athletes and coaches are hoping the sport will continue, as the availability of a location for the State championship meet is limited and now compels the season to be truncated with an early January conclusion, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Thetford Academy Panthers boys' indoor track and field team on winning a second consecutive Division II championship, *and be it further*

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