

**No. R-239. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division II championship girls' soccer team.**

(H.C.R.198)

Offered by Representative Minier of South Burlington

*Whereas*, the 2025 Division II girls' soccer championship game, played under the lights at Burlington High School, can be accurately described as a thrilling athletic encounter, pitting top-seeded Rice Memorial High School against second-ranked Harwood Union High School, and

*Whereas*, in a contest that showcased defensive polish, the Green Knights' and Highlanders' goalies' combined save toll exceeded 35, resulting in a late and low-scoring evening on the pitch, and

*Whereas*, with merely 3:14 remaining in regulation play, Harwood shattered the scoreless logjam, but Rice replied in kind with only 1:11 left in the second half, and

*Whereas*, the teams fervently battled into a second overtime period when, with 9:38 to go, Harwood executed a seemingly goal-scoring sequence, only to experience disappointment 25 seconds later as the referees canceled the goal with the assessment of an offside penalty, and this set the stage for Rice to score a walk-off goal nearly seven minutes later and clinch an unimagined 2–1 victory, and

*Whereas*, Green Knights Peyton Borick, Bayleigh Clark, Reese Billings, Edie Curtin, Madi Lacy, Celeste Hines, Esme Cyr, Ruby Levinson, Maddie Ploof, Lucy Barndt, Stella Kruse, Savannah Nelson, Abby English, Sara Guidice, Izzy Lacy, Grace Bowen, Alexis Menard O'Neil, Reilly Lewton, Celia Leclair, Summer Nelson, and Neesa Giulianelli will long remember this fairy-tale concluding game, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Aubrey Ouellet and assistant coaches Katherine Fischer, Anna Krause, Abby Turner, Kaylee Sullivan, and Zaf Bludevich were delighted with the 2025 season, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division II championship girls' soccer team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rice Memorial High School.