

**No. R-243. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers on winning the 2025 Northern Vermont Youth Football League Division I championship.**

(H.C.R.202)

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Morgan, M. of Milton, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

*Whereas*, the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers consisted of players from the Franklin County communities of St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Alburgh, Enosburg, Fairfield, Sheldon, and Swanton, and

*Whereas*, the sixth-seeded Steelers battled through the playoffs to earn a championship game berth against the top-ranked and undefeated 7/8 Rutland Raiders, and

*Whereas*, after an intensive first half, the Steelers were slightly trailing 19–7, but in the second half, St. Albans’ defensive performance was superb, preventing additional Rutland scoring while the Steelers tied the game, sending the contest into overtime, and

*Whereas*, as the overtime commenced, the Steelers scored a touchdown on their first possession and successfully converted the point after, then drew on their proven defensive prowess to twice halt the Raiders from crossing the goal line, clinching a St. Albans 26–19 victory and its first Division I title since 1988, and

*Whereas*, the thrilled Steelers were Jacques Montagne, Zac Montagne-Litchfield, Caleb Rowden, Jacob Brown, Jaevian Stewart, Louis Meyers, Dream Stewart, Quentin Lunna, Eli McGinnis, Kingston Gomez, Grayson St. Francis, Silas Reed, Case Reynolds, Mathias McConnell, Finn Howrigan, Maddox Rabtoy, John Garrett, Erik Wagner, Ozzy Blackburn, Brody Aiken, Thor Clark, Jacob Ewald, Layn Patnode, Brayden Chalifoux, Kasent Valente, Sawyer Smith, Reed O’Dell, Tanner Limoge, Izek Careau, Elias Bruley, Hunter Graham, Matthew Persons, Drake Scheiber, Blake Kittell, and Lincoln Kane, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Nick Norris and assistant coaches Ben Patnode, Chris Norris, Joe Montagne, Brad Ravlin, Luke Howrigan, Jerome Stewart, and Frank Wagner were thrilled with the team’s success, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers on winning the 2025 Northern Vermont Youth Football League Division I championship, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 7/8 St. Albans Steelers.