

**No. R-301. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union Lady Cats Division III championship girls' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.249)

Offered by Representative Southworth of Walden

*Whereas*, the excitement of playoff competition was maximized at the 2026 Division III girls' basketball championship game at the Barre Auditorium, in which top-seeded Hazen Union faced second-ranked Windsor for the third consecutive year, the Lady Cats having won in 2024 and the Yellow Jackets in 2025, and

*Whereas*, the Lady Cats' switch this season to the more challenging Capital Division improved the team's performance, and

*Whereas*, two more evenly matched contenders were unimaginable, as Hazen exited the court at half-time with a narrow 23–21 lead, but over the balance of the game, including the overtime period required to determine a winner, the lead changed an incredible 13 times, and the Lady Cats evened the score at 48—all with under five seconds remaining in regulation play, and

*Whereas*, the final outcome was determined in an equally dramatic fashion, when a Hazen player succeeded on two foul shots with only 2.4 seconds remaining in overtime, resulting in a hard-won and undeniably satisfying 55–53 win, and

*Whereas*, the thrilled and relieved Lady Cats were Isabelle Gouin, Ari Nichols, Taylor Thompson, Marina Smith, Eloise Foster, Autumn Dailey, Mya Lumsden, Ella Renaud, Sadie Gann, Julia des Groseilliers, Kelsie Rivard, Cassidy Gann, and Kennidee Gouin, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Randy Lumsden and assistant coaches Alison Blaney and Sue Rivard expertly guided the Lady Cats, and team managers Allie Foster, Ivy Demers, and Estella Foster contributed to the team's great 2025–2026 season, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hazen Union Lady Cats Division III championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

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