

No. R-321. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.263)

Offered by Representatives Graning of Jericho, Brown of Richmond, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Chittenden, Lyons, and Ram Hinsdale

Whereas, prior to 2026, the top-seeded Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU) Cougars girls' basketball program had never won an end-of-season championship, and

Whereas, securing a berth against second-seeded Rutland High School was simpler than the unusual championship game maze, which the Cougars successfully navigated on the hardwood floor at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, and

Whereas, despite MMU's strong first-quarter offensive display, the Rutland team rebounded vigorously during the second and third quarters, leaving the Cougars to contend with a 22-point scoring deficit late in the third quarter, with only 8:46 remaining in the contest, and

Whereas, beginning with a 6–0 run during the third quarter's closing moments, the Cougars dominated fourth-quarter play, outscoring Rutland 30–6 to achieve a remarkable come-from-behind 62–60 victory and MMU's first Division I championship, and

Whereas, the amazing Cougar roster featured Emma Brownell, Morgan Campbell, Alyce Dorman, Victoria Farrell, Maya Guilmette, Allie Hamilton, Katie Hamilton, Delilah Locher, Maysa Long, Keeley Long, Margaret Morley, Nora Page, Madelyn Skar, Monae Taylor, and Genevieve Wasser, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mark Pfaff and assistant coaches Bruce Audette, Jen Hempey, Nan Campbell, Meghan O'Sullivan, Jenna Page, and Luke Stone inspired the team to surge ahead despite overwhelming odds, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

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