

No. R-322. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Richford High School Rockets Division IV championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.264)

Offered by Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Branagan of Georgia, Demar of Enosburgh, Gregoire of Fairfield, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, and Walker of Swanton

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

Whereas, from 2022 through 2025, Division IV girls' basketball championships were the exclusive domain of the West Rutland High School Golden Horde, but, in 2026, the Richford Rockets dethroned the long-standing queens of the court, demonstrating consistent defensive and timely offensive skills, and

Whereas, the championship game, played at the Barre Auditorium, opened as a match between two seemingly evenly matched teams, as the Rockets concluded the first quarter holding a narrow 9–8 lead, but this perception quickly evaporated in the second quarter as the Rockets overwhelmed West Rutland on the scoring board, reaching the halftime break well ahead, 24–11, and

Whereas, success in maintaining a strong lead continued into the second half, as Richford recorded the first 13 points; the Rocket's top scorer tallied 28 points, including a stunning 13 out of 15 successful free throw shots, and all these factors contributed to the Franklin County school's convincing 43–23 victory and first Division IV title since 2015, and

Whereas, the focused student athletes who turned the historical page on Division IV girls' basketball were Adi Chagnon, Mia St. Pierre, Brooklynn Letourneau, Katelyn Doe, Clara Vengert, Sophia Derby, Justice Stewart, and Erin Raymond, and

Whereas, Head Coach Andrew Derby, and his great assistant coaches Mike Gervais and Randi Chagnon, built effective strategies for the Rocket's stunning season finale, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Richford High School Rockets Division IV championship girls' basketball team, *and be it further*

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