

No. R-178. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2009 Division I championship boys' ice hockey team.

(H.C.R.119)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Orr of Charlotte and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks earned a second-seed ranking in the 2009 Division I boys' hockey playoffs, and

Whereas, the Redhawks proved their worthiness for participation in the championship game as they rebounded with strength and skill to overcome a two-point deficit in a 3–2 victory over the Spaulding Union High School in their semifinal game, and

Whereas, following this vigorous test of their hockey mettle, the Redhawks were mentally well prepared to face the Essex High School Hornets for the Division I title at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, the same team that defeated the Redhawks in the 2008 championship game and that had won the divisional final for the prior three consecutive years, and

Whereas, CVU remained alert for scoring possibilities from the game's first second and, with 6:23 remaining in the first period, scored the game's first goal when a Redhawk sent the puck into the goal post's far right corner, and

Whereas, the Redhawks' slim lead evaporated when Essex bounced back with a goal at 5:16 into the second period, and

Whereas, the tied score proved temporary, as one of the Redhawks forwarded on into the net a teammate's long outlet pass, giving CVU a 2–1 lead and its first Division I boys' ice hockey championship since 2002, and

Whereas, the 2009 CVU Redhawks boys' ice hockey squad, including Mark Albertson, Mayson Kropf, Peter Levack, Robbie Dobrowski, Nate Lacroix, Wes O'Brien, Eric Robinson, Derek Goodwin, Tim Reichert, Brady Dehayes, Owen Smith, Andrew Childs, Sam Spencer, Chris Howard, JP Benoit, Kyle Logan, Cully Millikin, Ben Soll, Sam Parent, Erick MacLean, Chris McGinnis, and Miles Grunwald, showed its mastery of the puck on the ice, and

Whereas, coaches Doug Hopper and Will MacKinnon and assistant coaches Trevor McGovern provided great advice to the team, and game manager Max Danis and trainer Tony Lora were each a great resource for everyone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2009 Division I championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Doug Hopper at Champlain Valley Union High School.