

No. R-41. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' soccer team.

(H.C.R.37)

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Consejo of Sheldon, McAllister of Highgate and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the Missisquoi Valley Union High School boys' soccer team came extremely close to capturing the 2009 Division II championship in a heartbreaking overtime loss to Springfield High School, and

Whereas, 2010 offered a new opportunity for the Thunderbirds to prove their soccer mettle, and

Whereas, Missisquoi dominated its regular season and was awarded the second-seed in the Division II playoff competition and again kicked a path to the championship game, where it confronted the top-seeded U-32 Raiders, who brought their 13-game undefeated and 14-game shutout streaks to the field, and

Whereas, despite U-32's scoring the opening goal, the Raiders were unable to penetrate the Thunderbirds' tight defense for the balance of the game, and

Whereas, Missisquoi took advantage of the many U-32 penalties in combination with a sharp alertness to act on scoring opportunities, and

Whereas, a Thunderbird scored his team's opening goal when he executed a low shot near the right post of the net with six minutes remaining in the first half, tying the game at one-all, and

Whereas, at four minutes into the second half, Missisquoi scored again to go ahead 2-1, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds repelled several serious Raider scoring efforts, preserving their precarious lead before a team member cleverly faked a kick that triggered a sequence resulting in the winning goal and a 3–1 Missisquoi victory, and

Whereas, these astute soccer-playing Thunderbirds, including Bart Benckert, Brady Corbiere, Ben Fournier, Jeff Larose, Tom Lothian, Kyle Lumsden, Levi Maynard, Kinnon McDonald, Jeremy Nadeau, Norman Zeigler, Jason Lackie, Adam Hubbard, Tyler Pelican, Sean Collins, Tyler Robtoy, Jarrett Boudreau, Robert Dabrowski, Nic Kosac, Craig Laroche, Chasen LaShure, Caleb Lothian, Matt St. Amour, and Alex Larose, savored their hard-won victory, as did team managers Austin Evans and Vincent Iannaco, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Hubbard and assistant coaches Taylor Renaudette, Bill Thurber, and Jordie Thomas greatly assisted the Thunderbirds in their soccer championship quest, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Hubbard at Missisquoi Valley Union High School.