

No. R-111. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels Division III championship boys' soccer team.

(H.C.R.45)

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, in over half a century of existence, the boys' soccer team at Leland & Gray Union High School never clinched a divisional title, and

Whereas, the talented athletes on the 2010 Rebels boys' soccer squad were destined to write a new page in the anthology of interscholastic competition at Leland & Gray as the merely twice-defeated team won the coveted first-seed in post-season playoff competition, and

Whereas, Leland & Gray continued defeating its opponents, establishing the southern half of a north-south Division III boys' soccer championship against the Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-Fairfax Bullets in a contest played at Castleton State College, and

Whereas, with 23:51 remaining in the opening half, a well-positioned Bullets player aimed the ball past the defending Rebels goalie and directly into the right side of the net for the opening score, and

Whereas, although behind at halftime, the Rebels did not despair, and

Whereas, in a cunning second-half charade, two Rebels distracted the Bullets goalie as he falsely signaled the BFA defender of impending kicks

while a third teammate slammed the ball on a 25-yard volley that landed smack in the left side of the net to tie the game at one–all, and

Whereas, just minutes later, a Rebel recovered a loose ball and kicked it solidly into the right side of the goal zone, breaking the tie and securing Leland & Gray’s first-ever boys’ soccer championship, and

Whereas, the exuberant Rebels squad, consisting of Drew Ameden, Kevin Ameden, Michael Bergeron, Matthew Bizon, Hunter Buffum, Noah Chapin, James Crowther, Robert Culver, Nolan Edgar, Joshua Fontaine, Eric Ginter, Jake Huston, Chayse Jarvis, Seth Jerz, Nickolas Lawley, Tyler Miller, William Nupp, Colin Nystrom, Tom Pentoney, Tyler Scott, Jared Van Osdol, Zachary Wilkins, Xiang Yu, was thrilled with the victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chris Barton and his assistant coach Mike Fontaine were great mentors and teachers for the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels Division III championship boys’ soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Barton at Leland & Gray Union High School.