

**No. R-263. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Proctor High School Phantoms' Division IV championship boys' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.86)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Baker of West Rutland, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Smith of Mendon and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, in recent years, the Proctor High School Phantoms have been at center court of boys' interscholastic basketball in Vermont, and

Whereas, the 2009 undefeated and first-seeded Phantoms were once again favored to bring home the boys' basketball Division IV championship to their Rutland County community, and

Whereas, despite defeating Websterville Baptist Christian School 48–26 during regular season play, the Phantoms now faced a formidable opponent that remained competitive throughout the game, and

Whereas, notwithstanding Websterville's commendable efforts, the Phantoms' superb skill and adroitness on the basketball court posed too daunting a barrier to Websterville's attempts to dominate play, and

Whereas, the game ended in triumph for the Phantoms as they walked off the court at the Barre Auditorium with a 47–38 win and their fourth consecutive Division IV title, and

Whereas, this victory capped a great 23–0 season for the Phantoms, marked their 12th straight successful contest played at the Barre Auditorium, and with

the fifth state title in the past six seasons for the team and coaches Dick Wilcox and Brian Finnigan, and

Whereas, the Phantoms now have compiled an astounding 76–1 record since January 1976, and

Whereas, the 2009 Division IV Phantom roster, featuring Nate Salgo, Chad Thornton, Austin Howard, Ryan Carter, Justin Carter, Zach Currier, Josh Taranovich, Tim Sadowski, Curtis Robinson, Calvin Knowles, Matt Dobart, and Matt Scarzello, was undeniably a wonderful collection of players whose team spirit motivated them to succeed in every game, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Proctor High School Phantoms' Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dick Wilcox at Proctor High School.