

No. R-148. House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont Catamounts women's basketball team on winning the 2023 America East Conference championship.

(H.C.R.115)

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Offered by: Representatives Ode of Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Priestley of Bradford, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, after finishing an outstanding regular season of competition, including an impressive 17-game winning streak commencing on January 4, 2023, the top-seeded Catamounts confidently entered the America East Conference championship series, and

Whereas, after defeating eighth-seeded Bryant University and fourth-seeded University of Maryland, Baltimore County, the Catamounts met their most challenging America East opponent in the concluding game, the second-seeded State University of New York at Albany Great Danes, and

Whereas, although comfortably leading through most of the contest, the Catamounts resorted to an intensive defense strategy for the final quarter, securing a 38–36 victory and the No. 15 berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) March Madness championship tournament, and

Whereas, despite succumbing 95–52 to the No. 2 University of Connecticut in a first-round NCAA game played in Storrs, Connecticut, Catamounts Ary Dizon, Carla Celaya, Andjela Matic, Bella Vito, Nika Kurdija, Keira Hanson, Paula Gonzalez, Catherine Gilwee, Maria Myklebust, Marissa McDonald, Emma Utterback, Anna Olson, Nikola Priede, Delaney Richason, and Carly Whiteside completed a great 25–7 season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Alisa Kresge (the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Division I Women's Basketball Coach of the Year), Associate Head Coach Dominique Bryant, and assistant coaches Will Lanier and Nevena Markovic provided expert guidance to the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the University of Vermont Catamounts women's basketball team on winning the 2023 America East Conference championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont Office of Athletics.