

No. R-139. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' basketball team.

(H.C.R.124)

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, a boys' basketball championship had always eluded Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, with only two defeats and a perfect, regular season record in Division II competition, the first-seeded Thunderbirds sailed through the playoffs into the decisive game at the Barre Auditorium against the third-seeded Slaters of Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds recognized from the opening minute that defeating the Slaters would be a challenging enterprise as their opponents constituted a talented team, and

Whereas, the low-scoring first quarter ended with an 8–5 Missisquoi scoring advantage, and at halftime, the Thunderbirds continued to be narrowly ahead, 17–14, and

Whereas, the legitimacy of the Slaters' place on the championship court was shown as only one point separated the two teams well into the third quarter of play, and

Whereas, at that point, Missisquoi took command of the ball and began a scoring spree that featured two three-point plays and enabled the Thunderbirds to end the third quarter on top of Fair Haven, 35–24, and

Whereas, although the Slaters made a valiant try in the fourth quarter to surpass the Thunderbirds, the effort never reached its objective as Missisquoi joyously exited the floor with a 47–40 victory and the Division II championship, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds playing Missisquoi’s memorable and victorious last Division II boys’ basketball game, prior to its transfer next season to Division I, were Kyle Lumsden, Ben Fournier, Adam Hubbard, Jeff Larose, Jeremy Nadeau, Craig Laroche, Nic Kosac, Robert Dabrowski, Matt St. Amour, Nate Lumsden, Alex Larose, Troy Rocheleau, and Tyler Cooper, and

Whereas, coach Jim Bose and assistant coach David Turner provided wise leadership, and team managers Genny White and Anastasia Nichols were always ready to provide assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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