

**No. R-294. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship lacrosse team.**

(H.C.R.209)

Offered by: Representatives Audette of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, the saga of South Burlington High School Rebels' lacrosse took a remarkable upturn in 2009 as the team, which had not captured a state title since 1992, thrilled its fans with an amazing 2009 season of play, and

Whereas, when the regular season concluded, the Rebels had tied with the defending state champion Essex Hornets for the 2009 Metro Conference championship and earned the top seed in the state division playoffs, and

Whereas, the preliminary rounds of postseason competition reaffirmed the regular season finish as the Rebels and the second-seeded Hornets each won a berth in the 2009 Division I championship showdown, and

Whereas, South Burlington scored the final game's opening goal at 3:16 into the contest, and five minutes later doubled its margin to 2-0, but with 4:28 left in the first quarter, Essex reduced the Rebel lead to 2-1, and

Whereas, at the game's midpoint, the Rebels were in command with a 5-3 lead that South Burlington widened to 6-3 with 10:19 remaining in the third quarter, and

Whereas, the Hornets were not discouraged as they rebounded to narrow South Burlington's lead to 6-5 with less than 40 seconds remaining in the third period, and

Whereas, in the closing fourth quarter, the Rebels sent the ball into the scoring zone to secure its seventh point, and although Essex scored once more, the South Burlington defense made sure it was the Hornets' final goal of the day, and

Whereas, the 7–6 South Burlington victory was a team effort involving a great squad, consisting of John Roeder, Alex Bliss, Evan Cassidy, Kyle Griffiths, Seth Hyman, Eric Davidson, Tommy Carlaccini, Evan Nolting, Zach Davidson, Taylor Stout, Tucker Bean, Clayton Leggett, David Barrett, Connor DeVarney, Varick Parizo, Adam Farmer, Scott Blanchette, Conor Higgins, Ryan Lunny, Brett Baldwin, Josh Cassarino, Devin Parrow, Winfield Holt, Ben Carter, and Jerall Sinclair, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dan Ackil and assistant coaches Tim Birmingham and Jim Shields were great teachers and mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship lacrosse team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Ackil at South Burlington High School.