

No. R-325. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship boys' soccer team.

(H.C.R.251)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Canfield of Fair Haven, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, through 2010, Proctor High School could point to a proud history of boys' soccer championships, although it had not won one since 2003, and

Whereas, the 2011 boys' soccer team was one of the school's best in many years, earning the first-seed ranking for the playoff competition and then continuing on a winning path leading ultimately to the championship game against Sharon Academy at Williamstown High School, and

Whereas, for much of the first half, the defensive tactics of each team prevented the opposing squad from scoring, and

Whereas, during the 13th minute of the game, two Phantoms paired together, resulting in the opening goal and enabling Proctor to assume the initial lead, and

Whereas, seven minutes and thirty nine seconds later, second-seeded Sharon replicated the Proctor feat and tied the game at one-all, which was the score at halftime, and

Whereas, Proctor's fans were jubilant at the moment in the second half when a Phantom scored the go-ahead goal, giving the Rutland County school a slim 2-1 lead, and

Whereas, any lingering concern that Proctor would not clinch its first boys' soccer championship since 2003 was dispelled when with three minutes remaining of regulation play, the Phantoms established a more commanding 3–1 advantage, and

Whereas, when the final whistle sounded, the Proctor team was triumphant both as the game winner and as the 2011 Division IV boys' soccer champion, and

Whereas, the Phantom goalie's eight saves were of strategic importance as they contributed to the team's success in Williamstown, and

Whereas, Proctor players Reid Farley, Ryan Johnson, Chris Clain, Hunter Pockett, Jacob Tomlinson, Dermot Hughes, Cody Landon, Ricky Carroll, Matt Scarzello, Ryan Petrini, Justin Carter, Keith Piontek, John Connell, Jacob Petrini, Jared Gintof, and Alex Vida worked together for a common objective and were entirely successful, and Head Coach Kevin Ratti and Assistant Coaches Darren Carter, Chad Wilson, and Chuck Hall deserve credit for their wise guidance of the Phantoms throughout the 2011 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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