

No. R-470. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts on their second consecutive America East Conference women's basketball championship and historic first NCAA tournament win.

(H.C.R.315)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the 2009–2010 University of Vermont (UVM) women's basketball Catamounts (Cats) brought an infectious excitement to Patrick Gymnasium as UVM was writing a thrilling new page in the team's history, and

Whereas, in the opening round of the America East tournament, No. 2 UVM limited the No. 7 Albany Great Danes to a record low 10 field goals and 16.9 shooting percentage from the floor as the Cats easily romped to a 61–36 victory, and the semifinal 69–52 win over the No. 3 Boston University Terriers was also impressive, and

Whereas, in the tournament championship game against the No. 1 University of Hartford Hawks, the team that defeated UVM in its closing regular season outing, the Cats were required to compete on their opponent's home court, and

Whereas, in this decisive game, UVM created an 18-point halftime 27–10 lead, erasing an opening 9–6 deficit, but the Cats correctly remained wary of the Hawks potentially rebounding in the second half, and

Whereas, Hartford lived up to its No. 1 status, reducing the Cats advantage to four points, 54–50, with only 26.6 seconds remaining in the game, and

Whereas, in the edge-of-your-seat final moments, the Hawks missed a three-point attempt, and UVM succeeded at its last free throw to win the game 55–50, its second consecutive America East Conference championship and its sixth invitation to an NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, the No. 10 Cats were paired against the No. 7 University of Wisconsin Badgers in their first-round NCAA contest, and although the Badgers opened the game with a four-point lead, UVM soon surged ahead to a 27–13 lead with 4:26 remaining in the first period, and

Whereas, although the Badgers later tied the game at 39-all, the Cats won convincingly, 64–55, and celebrated their first NCAA tournament victory and their only win against a Big Ten team, and

Whereas, although UVM lost 84–66 to No. 2 Notre Dame in the second round, Cats Tory Dennerlein, Morgan Albert, Courtney Pilypaitis, May Kotsopoulos, Kristine Lalonde, Ashley Hoyt, Lauren Wheeler, Tonya Young, Lauren Buschmann, Sofia Iwobi, Alissa Sheftic, and Kendra Seto were ecstatic with their historic 27–7 final record for the 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, head coach Sharon Dawley, associate head coach Steve Lanpher, and assistant coaches Jen MacAulay and Cat Arnold, athletic trainer Allison Shepherd, and strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet were essential to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts on their second consecutive America East Conference women's basketball championship and historic first NCAA tournament win, and be it further

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