

No. R-471. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts men's ice hockey team on its performances in the Hockey East and NCAA tournaments.

(H.C.R.316)

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, repeatedly throughout the 2009–2010 men's ice hockey season, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts displayed their considerable playing skills, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' winning ways were especially on display at Gutterson Fieldhouse, where they finished the season with a commendable 10–5–3 record, and

Whereas, at the Hockey East tournament, the Catamounts, despite being ranked eighth in the ten-team conference, twice defeated the top-seeded University of New Hampshire in a best of three-game elimination round, and

Whereas, these victories, which surprised many college hockey observers, raised UVM from 19th to 14th nationally in the USCHO.com/CBS College Sports Poll, and more critically in the Pairwise Ratings, the formula the NCAA uses to select its 16 men's hockey tournament teams, and

Whereas, the No. 14 Catamounts traveled to St. Paul, where they faced the No. 5 University of Wisconsin Badgers in first-round NCAA competition, and

Whereas, the Badgers scored the opening first-period goal, but the Catamounts minutes later evened the score, and

Whereas, UVM scored again, creating a 2–1 Catamount lead at 15:44 of the first period, and

Whereas, the Catamounts' good fortune proved temporary, as the Badgers scored twice in the second period, sealing the game and ending UVM's hopes to repeat as one of the NCAA's frozen four ice hockey finalists, and

Whereas, UVM's valiant effort in Minnesota reflected the season-long modus operandi of this great team, which includes John Vazzano, Drew MacKenzie, Chris McCarthy, Patrick Cullity, Brayden Irwin, Kyle Medvec, Sebastian Stalberg, Wahsontii Stacey, Colin Vock, David Pacan, Brian Roloff, Kevan Miller, Jay Anctil, Matt Marshall, Ben Albertson, Lance Herrington, Jack Downing, Josh Burrows, Tobias Nilsson-Roos, Jonathan Higgins, Brett Leonard, Anders Franzon, Dan Lawson, Rob Madore, and Mike Spillane, and

Whereas, head coach Kevin Sneddon, associate head coach John Micheletto, assistant coaches Joey Gasparini and Terry Lovelette, strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet, equipment manager Charlie Mackey, athletic trainer Gregg Brueck, and director of hockey operations John Gobeil each were part of the great 2009–2010 Catamount men's ice hockey campaign, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts men's ice hockey team on its performances in the Hockey East and NCAA tournaments, 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.