

No. R-20. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Leland & Gray Union High School baseball Rebels on winning their third consecutive Division III championship.

(H.C.R.8)

Offered by: Representatives Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Olsen of Jamaica, and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, after bringing home the Division III baseball title in 2008 and 2009, the Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels eagerly anticipated another exciting season of high-caliber play at the plate, the pitcher's mound, around the bases, and in the outfield, and

Whereas, the 2010 team won all but two regular season contests, was awarded the fourth-seed ranking for the playoffs, and then defeated Hazen Union, Green Mountain Union, and Northfield high schools, the last in a slugging fest that ended in an unusually high-scoring 19–15 victory, and

Whereas, these wins fortified the Rebels' confidence as they took their positions on the Montpelier Recreation Field for the championship game against the sixth-seeded Olympians of Oxbow Union High School, and

Whereas, Leland & Gray wasted little time in igniting its offensive prowess with a single in the bottom of the first, and although this batter was quickly sidelined on a fielder's choice play, his colleague, who remained on first base, soon trotted across home plate when the Rebels' pitcher helped his own cause, smacking a solid double to right center for their opening 1–0 lead, and

Whereas, the third inning saw the bulk of the scoring, starting with a Rebel reaching second base on an Olympian's error, and run number two was quickly added due to pass balls on Oxbows' part, and

Whereas, the Rebels' third inning at bat triumphantly continued with a walk, a steal, a powerful hit that was nearly a home run, and three more consecutive walks that raised Leland & Gray's advantage to 4-0 before Oxbow decided a pitching change was in order, a switch that did not change the game's direction as the Rebels scored another two runs in the third when a Rebel batter hit a ground ball that traveled under the Olympian third baseman's legs, and

Whereas, in the Rebel fourth, the first batter walked and the second Rebel at the plate walloped a long traveling home run to seal the scoring, giving Leland & Gray an impressive 8-0 shutout and the 2010 Division III baseball crown, and

Whereas, Rebel players James Crowther, Colin Nystrom, Josh Fontaine, Noah Chapin, Tyler Miller, Garret Polhemus, Brandon Reilly, Drew Barnum, Jared VanOsdol, Forrest Hamer, Zac Peterson, Trevor Howe, Gabe Pozzi, and Tyler Russell, bat boys Aaron Claussen and Nick Morrow, assistant coaches Greg Morrow and Greg Marcucci, and the team's inspiring Head Coach Tom Russell joyously celebrated this impressive victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Leland & Gray Union High School baseball Rebels on winning their third consecutive Division III championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Russell at Leland & Gray Union High School.