

No. R-147. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship girls' soccer team.

(H.C.R.95)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington and Munger of South Burlington

Whereas, when the 2010 Division I girls' soccer playoff competition began, the 10th-seeded South Burlington High School Rebels, who had never won a state crown, ranked lower than any team that had previously won the divisional championship, and

Whereas, this historical fact was hardly a barrier as the Rebels proceeded to defeat Brattleboro Union High School, Burr and Burton Academy, and Rice Memorial High School and gained entry into the ultimate game against fifth-seeded Colchester High School, and

Whereas, the game belonged to South Burlington, which commanded the scoreboard from the moment in the first half when a Rebel outsmarted the usually proficient Colchester goalie and slammed the ball into the net for the opening goal, and

Whereas, after 13 minutes and 35 seconds of second-half play, one of the South Burlington players sent her penalty kick to the bottom of the crossbar and then into the back of the net for the Rebels' second goal, and

Whereas, although at approximately the game's 65-minute mark, Colchester scored a goal, the game's fate had been sealed and South Burlington joyously

celebrated its 2–1 victory and first Division I girls’ soccer championship season, and

Whereas, Rebels Elise Mench, Sarah Hackett, Anna Young, Madison Schaefer, Mattea Ringey, Mollie Gribbin, Kazumi Eckenstein, Jen Arnold, Alyssa Lines, Shannon Flaherty, Ashley Norris, Anellie Miller, Caroline McCarthy, Lindsay Geier, Chelsea Austin, Allie Flaherty, Kayla Schaefer, Stephanie Carmichael, Reilly Simoneau, Elise Langevin, Angela Elcan, Sarah Shiman, Amy Simendinger, and Lisa Wood proved one should never discount a team’s playoff potential based on its seeding, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tom Schaefer and Assistant Coach Eric Ledouneur encouraged these young athletes to maximize their soccer-playing skills, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship girls’ soccer team, and be it further

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