

No. R-151. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Spaulding High School Division I Crimson Tide championship girls' basketball team.

(H.C.R.104)

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City and Taylor of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, the 2009 Spaulding Union High School's girls' basketball team learned not to preclude prematurely the possibility of victory, and

Whereas, as the second-seeded team in the 2009 Division I girls' basketball playoffs, the Crimson Tide survived the preliminary rounds to advance to the championship court and face the first-seeded Bellows Free Academy-St.

Albans Comets, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide was challenged to overcome its 0–2 record against the Comets, and

Whereas, the opening quarter was not encouraging for Spaulding, as it ended with the Crimson Tide on the low end of a 13–3 score, and

Whereas, as the halftime break began, the Crimson Tide girls had narrowed the Comets' lead to six points, having outscored BFA-St. Albans 9–5 during the second quarter, but Spaulding still trailed 18–12, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide's recharged second-half energy enabled this undeniably first-rate basketball squad to finish the third quarter with a narrow but psychologically valuable 32–31 lead, and

Whereas, despite the Comets' regaining the lead early in the fourth quarter, Spaulding's persistently steady play during the contest's waning moments resulted in a new Spaulding lead with 1:30 left to play, and

Whereas, this exciting closing quarter concluded with four successful single-point shots from the foul line that gave Spaulding a 42–37 win over BFA-St. Albans and the school's first girls' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the thrilled members of this special team included Ashley Magoon, Kristy Thygesen, Natalie Shea, Casey Koch, Linsey Barclay, Devyn LaFrance, Olivia Badeau, Abby Prevost, Marissa Velez, Jillian Calderara, Shelby Gregoire, Shannae Harvin, and Aliza Benoit, and Renee Houle served ably as the team's manager, and

Whereas, Coach Tom Roberge was extremely proud of his players' great success and their 21–3 season record, as were assistant coaches Paul Bowles, Greg Fleck, Thurman Wilder, and Trent Benoit, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Spaulding Union High School Division I Crimson Tide championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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