

**No. R-196. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' basketball team on winning the school's second consecutive Division I championship.**

(H.C.R.163)

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Seymour of Sutton, Toll of Danville, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, girls' basketball at St. Johnsbury Academy enjoyed great success during the 2017–2018 season, when the team clinched the Division I championship, and

Whereas, the reconstituted squad for 2018–2019 was again of top caliber and merited a second seed in the playoff competition, a ranking that proved accurate as the Hilltoppers earned a championship berth against the top-seeded Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks, who had defeated the Hilltoppers twice during the regular season, and

Whereas, the decisive 2019 contest, played at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, ended its first half tied at 17, but the second half told a different tale as the Hilltoppers completed a 14–2 third-quarter scoring spree, won the game 42–35, and emerged as the 2019 Division I champions, and

Whereas, this talented basketball squad featured Saleena Porter, Mya Rutledge, Kylee LaPete, Sadie Stetson, Delaney Payeur, Sydney Huntington-Strohm, Lara Rohkohl, Josie Moulton, Neva Bostic, and Josie Choiniere, and Head Coach Jack Driscoll and Assistant Coach Beth Choiniere were ideal instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' basketball team on winning the school's second consecutive Division I championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.