

No. R-326. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Springfield High School Division II championship softball team.

(H.C.R.254)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield and Dakin of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, fans who attended the 2011 Division II softball championship at Poultney witnessed the first-seeded Springfield High School Cosmos turn back a challenge from the third-seeded Lyndon Institute Vikings, and

Whereas, the path to victory for Springfield began ominously when a powerful Lyndon two-run homer sailed over the centerfield fence during the Vikings' first time at bat, and

Whereas, the next scoring came on a four-run Springfield barrage, in, of course, the fourth inning, resulting from two consecutive singles, a double, Lyndon dropping a tossed ball at home plate when one of the Springfield squad bunted, and concluding with a sacrifice fly and another bunt, and

Whereas, this scoring spree spurred the Cosmos' pitcher to retire 10 consecutive Viking batters, and during the course of the game, nine Lyndon hitters returned to the dugout after striking out, and

Whereas, even though Lyndon hit a single-run homer in the seventh inning, this display of Viking bat connectivity did not deter the Cosmos from an ultimate 5–3 game victory and winning their school's first state softball title in a quarter of a century, and

Whereas, the talented roster of Springfield players, including Amanda Farnsworth, Alexis Locke, Jessie Haskell, Sarah Vredenburgh, Kristin Cook, Jenna Paul, Emma Esty, Jillian Rushton, Jennifer Stein, Andrea Allen, Sarah Locke, Heather Sanborn, Meghan Courchesne, Kaylee Haskell, and Julia Stein, was thrilled with its season of success on the softball field, and

Whereas, Head Coach Andy Bladyka, assistant coaches Michael Langdon, Amanda Osborne, and Kelly O'Connor, and team manager John Tarbell each played a role in bringing the 2011 Division II softball championship to Springfield High School, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Springfield High School Division II championship softball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Springfield High School.