No. R-422. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Division II Lyndon Institute Vikings championship boys' basketball team.

(H.C.R. 312)

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the Lyndon Institute (LI) Vikings had never appeared in a boys' State basketball championship game, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the 2013–2014 season would forever change that statistic and will be remembered as an historic moment for the LI boys' basketball team, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the Vikings were powerful on defense, displayed a collaborative can-do team spirit, and sent a well-balanced roster on to the basketball court, and

<u>Whereas</u>, in combination, these admirable playing attributes earned the Vikings the respected second seed for playoff competition, and

<u>Whereas</u>, LI upheld the expectations associated with this high-level ranking when it met the championship-tested and top-seeded U-32 Raiders in the decisive playoff game at the Barre Auditorium, and

<u>Whereas</u>, despite a brief U-32 5–2 lead, the Vikings countered with an 11–0 run, building a 26–22 halftime advantage, won the contest convincingly 55–35, and brought LI its first-ever boys' basketball crown, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the 2014 LI Vikings who played skillfully and smartly were James Shufelt, Harwant Sethi Jr., Nicholas Ruede, J. J. Mesics, Kyle Cipollone, Marshall Mosher, Logan Larose, Axerre Ntabana, Mason Lantz, Jay Cobb, and Ben Brooks; team manager Levi Gardner, Head Coach Pat Guckin, and assistant coaches Fred Miller and Jimmy Lau were thrilled with their team's stunning success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Division II Lyndon Institute Vikings championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lyndon Institute.