

No. R-433. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Regular Season title winning men's basketball team.

(H.C.R.323)

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Donovan of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Larocque of Barnet, Lenes of Shelburne, Mitchell of Fairfax, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Wilson of Manchester, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Doyle, Flory, McAllister, and Mullin

Whereas, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts completed a great 2013–2014 season with a 22–11 record including a 10–2 home court victory margin, translating into a 66.7 overall winning percentage, and

Whereas, the penultimate regular season game was memorable as the Catamounts defeated Stony Brook 69–53 to capture the 2014 America East Regular Season title, and

Whereas, first-seeded UVM beat New Hampshire 77–60 in the quarterfinal round of the America East post-season tournament before experiencing a heartbreaking 67–58 loss to the Albany Great Danes in the semifinals, and

Whereas, the Catamounts had the thrill of competing in the NIT, where confronting the Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, Georgia, they played valiantly despite a 63–56 loss, and

Whereas, UVM Head Coach John Becker was named the America East Coach of the Year, Brian Voelkel the America East Defense Player of the Year, Sandro Carissimo and Clancy Rugg earned America East All-Conference First Team slots, Ethan O'Day was named to the conference's All-Defensive Team, and Kurt Steidl to its All-Rookie Team, and

Whereas, the 2013–2014 UVM basketball squad consisting of Brian Voelkel, Luke Apfeld, Ryan Pierson, Naasir Williams, Hector Harold, Sandro Carissimo, Josh Elbaum, Brendan Kilpatrick, Dre Wills, Candon Rusin, Clancy Rugg, Ethan O'Day, and Kurt Steidl were a first-rate team, while Head Coach John Becker, assistant coaches Chris Markwood, Matt O'Brien, and Kyle Cieplicki, as well as Team Managers Derryk O'Brady and Andy Gale and Director of Operations Ryan Schneider and Academic Advisor Tacy Lincoln each contributed to a great season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Regular Season title winning men's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the UVM Athletics Department.