

No. R-400. House concurrent resolution congratulating Owen Pelletier of Rivendell Academy on being named a 2017 *Valley News* High School Athlete of the Year.

(H.C.R.326)

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Hooper of Randolph, Jickling of Randolph, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, excellence in varsity high school athletics is always an accomplishment, especially if desired sports are not offered at the student's school, and

Whereas, Owen Pelletier, a senior at Rivendell Academy, has excelled in basketball, football, track and field, and soccer, even though Rivendell neither fields a football team nor supports a track and field program, and his determination to compete in each of these sports was chronicled in the *Valley News* newspaper, and

Whereas, Oxbow Union High School has welcomed him as a member of its football team and at its track and field training practices, although he proudly wears the Rivendell Raptors' uniform at meets, and

Whereas, Owen Pelletier's record of athletic accomplishments began during his freshman year, winning a State divisional long jump championship, and

Whereas, as a sophomore, he won a combined eight sprinting and jumping victories and climbed the track and field podium 16 times, and

Whereas, his junior year was filled with many highpoints such as: scoring nine touchdowns and 16 posttouchdown extra points for the football Olympians; tallying 14.6 points per basketball game for the Raptors; achieving indoor track and field divisional championships in the high jump and long jump, setting a record in the latter; and repeating both these feats at the State outdoor track and field meet, as well as tying a record in the 100-meter dash, and

Whereas, in recognition of these diverse athletic achievements, the *Valley News* named Owen Pelletier as a 2017 High School Athlete of the Year, a truly deserved honor, and

Whereas, as a senior, Owen Pelletier has continued to excel as a member of: the Raptors' Division IV championship soccer team, the Division IV all-State boys' soccer team, and the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association's Division III-IV all-star boys' squad, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Owen Pelletier of Rivendell Academy on being named a 2017 *Valley News* High School Athlete of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Owen Pelletier.