

No. R-402. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rivendell Academy Raptors Division IV championship boys' soccer team.

(H.C.R.328)

Offered by: Representative Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, and MacDonald

Whereas, until the momentous 2017 season, the Rivendell Academy boys' soccer team had never stepped onto a championship field, and

Whereas, the Raptors were seeded first for the Division IV playoffs, a great accomplishment and a symbolic step toward earning the long-elusive championship crown, and

Whereas, Rivendell proved its top ranking was merited, securing a berth in the decisive game in Randolph, where the second-seeded Long Trail School Mountain Lions team was the formidable opponent, and

Whereas, Rivendell's fans excitedly cheered the Raptors before the game began, thrilled to have reached this new competition plateau, and

Whereas, the Raptors did not disappoint their supporters, scoring the sole goal 12 minutes into the game, and Rivendell's resilient defense continuously rebuffed the Mountain Lions, who hovered near the goal post for much of the second half of play, and

Whereas, the jubilant Raptors were Dashiell Fukushima, Max Haehnel, Johnny Vogeli, AJ DeBois, Tyler Gray, Charlie Bradley, Luke Senn, Lennart Burgwedel, Owen Pelletier, Griffin Formica, Noah Martel, Francisco Inigo, Dylan Ricker, Wyatt Guillette, Zach Gould, Ryan Woodbeck, Isaac Martel, Ross McFate, Caleb Haehnel, Zach Dexter, and Sean Maddock, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bob Thatcher had recently retired as the Rivendell Academy Director of Athletics, but he is glad to have remained as the school's boys' soccer coach and now plans to continue in this role, and

Whereas, the entire coaching staff, consisting of Head Coach Bob Thatcher and assistant coaches Doug Pilcher, Jeff Huntington, and Lawrence Hibbard were elated with the team's historic victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Rivendell Academy Raptors Division IV championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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