

No. R-528. House concurrent resolution congratulating Craftsbury Academy boys' basketball coach Terrence Kelleher on being named the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association 2011–2012 Division IV coach of the year.

(H.C.R.412)

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover and Strong of Albany

Whereas, Craftsbury Academy is an outstanding rural academic institution that when competing in interscholastic sports confronts the challenges of a small student body and long distance travel, and

Whereas, the boys' basketball team at Craftsbury Academy had reached a nadir during the 2008–2009 season when it finished with a record of 1–18, and

Whereas, in the fall of 2009, Terry Kelleher assumed the coaching reins and began to rebuild the Craftsbury Chargers boys' basketball program, and

Whereas, a former high school athlete at St. Mary's High School in Rutherford, New Jersey, playing football, basketball, and baseball, and the son of his high school basketball coach, Terry Kelleher recognized the elements needed to teach and inspire the players to learn, improve, and win, and

Whereas, his eight years as an assistant baseball coach at his alma mater provided Terry Kelleher with the coaching experience required to assume his first varsity head coaching position, and

Whereas, the establishment of a bond of trust between a coach and his team can lead to a higher level of student commitment to the sport and an improved caliber of athletic performance, and

Whereas, a successful coach teaches athletes the importance of focusing on how they perform in competition and not the results they achieve, and

Whereas, Terry Kelleher follows these precepts in his coaching role, and the ensuing success is proof of their value, and

Whereas, during the past three years, the Division IV Craftsbury Chargers have risen to new heights under Terry Kelleher's instructive and patient leadership, compiling a 32–27 record, including a great 17–5 performance during the recently completed 2011–2012 campaign, and

Whereas, the coach gives much of the credit to his team of enthusiastic players, including Adam Allen, Jason Martin, Andrew Marckres, Anthony Putvain, Frank Speise, Logan Masse, Alex Vetere, Kyle Adams, Josh Paquette, and Brandon Locke, and to his outstanding assistant coaches, Bruce Martin and Anthony Boyce, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Terrence Kelleher on being named the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association 2011–2012 Division IV coach of the year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Terrence Kelleher and to Craftsbury Academy.