

**No. R-174. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship boys' hockey team.**

(H.C.R.139)

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Strong of Albany, Viens of Newport City, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, as the fourth-seeded team in the unusually competitive 2017 Division II boys' ice hockey playoffs, the talented North Country Union High School Falcons were aiming to achieve championship glory, and

Whereas, dispelling any doubts about their hockey prowess, the Falcons defeated the top-seeded Hartford Hurricanes 6–3 in the semifinal game and eagerly anticipated their championship face-off against the second-seeded Harwood Union High School Highlanders at the University of Vermont's (UVM) Gutterson Fieldhouse, marking North Country's first appearance at UVM since 2006, and

Whereas, in the decisive contest of the 2016–2017 season, the Falcons established a 3–0 lead, and despite the Highlanders closing the scoring gap, the Falcons persevered and scored a 4–3 victory, proudly clinching the 2017 Division II crown, and

Whereas, the Falcons who played superbly were Arne Bonnach, Mitchell Gonyaw, Brandon Starr, Zach Hamblett, Dylan Harlow, Dawson Cote, Alex Fletcher, Evan Wilkie, Caleb Lanoue, Brady Perron, Chad Dupuis, Mitchell Austin, Jordan Cote, Conor Ducan, Patrick Gaudreau, Tyler Smith, Alex Giroux, Riley Fletcher, Zach Abbott, and Dana Marsh, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ryan Jacobs, Assistant Coaches Jimmy Jacobs and Michael Paul, and team manager Reid Burke served as great Falcon ice hockey supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship boys' hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to North Country Union High School.