

No. R-275. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Grace Christian Lions Division IV championship boys' basketball team.

(H.C.R.210)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Whereas, not unexpectedly, the top-seeded Danville Bears and the second-ranked Grace Christian Lions from Bennington met on the hardwood floor at Barre Auditorium to determine this year's Division IV boys' basketball crown, but most unusually, the Lions represented different nations, and the team members had never played together before this past fall, and, equally rare, their school's basketball program was only in its second season, and

Whereas, despite these seeming impediments to athletic success, the Lions proved to their Division IV opponents that the team was composed of talented players who worked well together even though English was not the primary language for some of the players, and

Whereas, during the first three quarters of play, the evenly matched squads exchanged the lead 13 times and were tied on eight occasions, and

Whereas, recognizing that the fourth quarter was decisive, the Lions coalesced to deliver a strong team performance, concluding the game with a 52–41 victory and the Division IV title, and

Whereas, the ecstatic Lions were Peter Hu, Danilo Ignjatovic, Wesley Welch, Max McGhee, Pavle Mikic, Jaiden Gile, Lazar Milosavljevic, Vojin Cosic, Logan Corrales, Aleksandar Zivanovic, and Baran Turan, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian Bushee, assistant coaches Aimee Bushee and Jeff Welch, and team managers Aker Greenslet, Riley Welch, and Stevie Hill were all proud of this unique team's triumph, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Grace Christian Lions Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Christian School.