

No. R-154. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Debate and Forensics League State Tournament champions at Champlain Valley Union High School.

(H.C.R.114)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Fox, Lyons, and Snelling

Whereas, forensic competition involves different forms of advocacy and argument in public speaking, and

Whereas, in Vermont high schools, forensics and the separate, but related, debate competition each include an eight-tournament season, extending from October to February and culminating in the Vermont Debate and Forensics League State Tournament, which in 2013 was conducted at the State House on March 17, and

Whereas, forensics competition includes eight categories and to qualify as a team, the students from a school must compete in four of the eight, and

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) forensics competitors and their participating categories at the State Tournament were Brooke Aicher (Impromptu Speech and Prose Interpretation), Owen Hudson (Extemporaneous Speech), Maeghan McAuliffe (Poetry), and Rachel Smith (Prose Interpretation), and

Whereas, their combined outstanding speaking performances resulted in the CVU team earning the honor of Best Forensics Team, and

Whereas, CVU students also excelled in the debate segment of the State Tournament, and the debating duo of Alec Collins and Alex Von Stange was named the Best Novice Debate Team of 2013, and

Whereas, Christine O'Donnell expertly coached both the forensics and debate teams, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Debate and Forensics League State Tournament champions at Champlain Valley Union High School, and be it further

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