

**No. R-213. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' 10 to 11 years of age division New England championship.**

(H.C.R.174)

Offered by: Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Whereas, the annual Elks National Hoop Shoot competition offers an opportunity for boys and girls, eight to 13 years of age, to demonstrate their free-throw, basketball-shooting prowess, and

Whereas, the competition starts at the local level, which a local Elks Lodge sponsors, and proceeds to increasingly challenging district, state, and regional rounds and concludes with the national finals, conducted at Roosevelt University's Goodman Center in Chicago, and

Whereas, each round is based on 25 shots at a basket, with the person scoring the highest number of successful shots declared the winner, and

Whereas, one of the outstanding 2019 competitors in the boys' 10 to 11 years of age division was Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town, whose sponsoring Elks Lodge was No. 345 in Rutland, and

Whereas, Ethan scored 20 points in the local competition, sending him to the district round, where he increased his winning-point total to 21, and

Whereas, at both the State and New England regional levels, his scoring accuracy rose to an impressive 24 points, and

Whereas, Ethan Whalen was honored to serve as the New England representative for his division at the national finals, a role he first served in 2017 at nine years of age, and

Whereas, despite the enormous competitive pressure at this national event, Ethan scored 23 points, earning him a fifth-place divisional ranking, and his parents are extremely proud of his effort and sportsmanship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ethan Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' 10 to 11 years of age division New England championship, and be it further

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