

No. R-281. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning school teams of the 2024 Jr Iron Chef VT competition.

(H.C.R.216)

Offered by: Representatives Sibia of Dover, Arrison of Weathersfield, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Boyden of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chase of Chester, Cole of Hartford, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Small of Winooski, and Stone of Burlington

Whereas, the Vermont Afterschool organization administers Vermont Jr Iron Chef VT, a statewide culinary competition comprising middle and high school teams that are challenged to create “nutritious, local dishes to inspire school meal programs,” and

Whereas, the teams are judged on execution, teamwork, taste, creativity, local sourcing of ingredients, and compliance with the competition’s guidelines, and

Whereas, the teams compete for three awards: Crowd Pleaser, honoring the team that best incorporates color, texture, and taste; Lively Local, honoring the team that best highlights Vermont foods; and Mise en Place, honoring the team that shows exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism, and

Whereas, the 16th Jr Iron Chef VT competition was held on March 9, 2024 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, and the competition categories, the winning middle and high schools, their team names, and their culinary creations were the following:

Crowd Pleaser: Essex Middle School, Crispy Bakin’, Bao with Crispy “That’s Not Chicken?!”; Winooski Middle School, Wild Onions, Street Corn Risotto Cakes; Champlain Valley Union High School, CVU Chefhawks #2, Pumpkin Ravioli with Pumpkin Brown Butter; and Twin Valley High School, La Cocina Blokes, Vermont Maple Empanada;

Lively Local: Cambridge Elementary School, Wicked Wildcats, Falafel Waffle; Twin Valley Middle School, Perfect Pickles, Garbage Platter; Hartford Area Career and Technology Center, Juniors at HACTC, Grilled Stuffed Portobello Mushroom over Polenta; and Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Gnocchi Gnomes, Butternut Gnocchi with Spinach Cheese Sauce; and

Mise en Place: Edmunds Middle School, EM Yes Chef, Kimbap; Williston Central School, Lettuce Cook, Jackfruit Street Tacos; Lake Region Union High School, Ranger Raccoons, Lean, Mean, Pesto Naan with Greens; and Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Tofoo Fighters, Vermont Kimbop, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winning school teams of the 2024 Jr Iron Chef VT competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams and to Vermont Afterschool.