

No. R-442. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team.

(H.C.R.368)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the Vermont-NEA College Bowl tests high school students' broad academic knowledge and ability to exercise quick recall, and

Whereas, Essex High School entered the year-long 2017–2018 competition as the defending champion and winner in four of the prior five years, and

Whereas, competition consists of regional tournaments in the fall and playoffs that start with a qualifying day in January, and

Whereas, Essex High School, to no one's surprise, was one of the 13 teams welcomed into the final day's competition conducted on March 24 at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Essex began the day with quarterfinal and semifinal match victories over Lyndon Institute and Middlebury Union High School, and

Whereas, the decisive championship match between Essex High School and Hanover High School could not have been more riveting as the lead changed 13 times before Essex took command during the match's final round to emerge with a 415–355 victory, a second Vermont-NEA championship, and an all-expenses-paid trip in June to the Washington, D.C. area to represent Vermont at the PACE National Scholastic Championship, and

Whereas, team members Nick Norton, Alex He, Sam Feehan, Grace Lu, Henry Wu, and Nathan Wu, and proud coach David Rome are all anticipating the challenge of participating in the national competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team and wishes the team every success at the PACE National Scholastic Championship, and be it further

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