

No. R-476. House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Johnsbury Academy chess team on winning the 2018 Vermont State Scholastic Chess Championships.

(H.C.R.402)

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the game of chess requires mental concentration and strategic thinking, and

Whereas, the skills that high school students learn as competitive chess players can be applicable in their academic studies, and

Whereas, the members of the St. Johnsbury Academy Chess Club are dedicated to improving their knowledge of the game and to increasing their percentage of game victories, and

Whereas, at the 2018 Vermont State Scholastic Chess Championships, the St. Johnsbury Academy team, the largest the Academy has ever sent to this event, secured the State title, earning one win more than the second-place Rutland High School team, and the Academy also won the individual girls' championship, and

Whereas, the victorious St. Johnsbury Academy chess players were Rashid Abdo, Abisola Akinsete, Charles Fisher, Porter Iselin, Emma Keenan, Mikhail Kliuchnikov, Matthew Newland, Elliot Nordstrom, Elijah Schreiber, Koby Sol Cruz, and Joseph Vineyard, and

Whereas, Coach Tyler Hartshorn is proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Johnsbury Academy chess team on winning the 2018 Vermont State Scholastic Chess Championships, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.