

**No. R-15. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team.**

(H.C.R.8)

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

Whereas, rugby is a physically demanding sport requiring stamina and endurance, and

Whereas, in the 2016 high school girl's rugby competition, the Essex High School Hornets were a powerful team that played with enthusiasm and skill, and

Whereas, the Hornets earned a championship game berth and faced the South Burlington High School Rebels in a contest played on the Hornets' home field in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, in an exciting game, the Hornets overwhelmed the Rebels 52–12, convincingly winning the 2016 girls' State rugby championship, and

Whereas, the talented Hornets squad included Morgan Bessette, Valerie Bessette, Ramona Bilodeau, Hannah Bovee, Clara Byors, Tovah Coe, Tyhe Cooper, Holly Dahlgren, Kathryn Daniels, Rachael Foell, Madeline Folsom, Meaghan Frank, Nicole Frank, Bailey Gaskill, Julia Goodrich, Jessica Hemphill, Tia Kane, Sara Lamphere, Sarah Lunn, Avery MacGillivray, Holly McClintock, Kathryn Monty, Hannah Palmer, Emma Parizo, Hollie Parks, Meredith Payson, Cassidy Reid, Zoe Shepard, Jamie Swiatlowski, and Emily Wootton, and

Whereas, Coach Amanda Eldridge and assistant coaches Gary Sturgis and Stephen Dunning inspired the team to achieve great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team, and be it further

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