

**No. R-25. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship boys' rugby team.**

(H.C.R.11)

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

Whereas, although not publicized as widely as in other nations, rugby has an enthusiastic following in the United States and in Vermont, and

Whereas, rugby can be a high-scoring contest, offering fans many opportunities to cheer for their favorite team and player, and

Whereas, among Vermont's 2016 high school boys' teams, the Essex Hornets were among the most talented, and

Whereas, in an exciting State championship game played at the Tree Farm Recreational Facility in Essex Junction, the Hornets outscored the Burlington High School Seahorses 29–15, winning the 2016 State boys' rugby title, and

Whereas, the roster of Hornet rugby players, including Joshua Adams, Mark Audette Jr., Joshua Baker, Christopher Bird Jr., Calvin Burnett, Cameron Croft, Jared Doohen, Chase Dunbar, James Emery, Matthew Emery, Nathan Ertle, Robin Forcier, Evan Friedman, Jay Grant, Dylan Kinsley, Jason Mailman, Brendan McCormack, Nihad Medar, Kevin Otto, Jacob Parker, Calvin Powell, Alex Prim, Michael Prim, Kyle Riester, Isaac Vance, Jacob Vance, and Jordan Yandow constituted an impressive team, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brad Luck, a founding member of the school's original rugby club, served as a great teacher and guide for the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School State championship boys' 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.