

No. R-112. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams of the 2023 15th Jr Iron Chef VT competition.

(H.C.R.89)

Offered by: Representatives Sibilias of Dover, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Morgan of Milton, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parsons of Newbury, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Troiano of Stannard, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, on March 11, 2023, after a pandemic-imposed pause, the Jr Iron Chef VT competition, featuring nutritious and unique culinary creations suitable for school meal programs that 34 teams crafted from local agricultural products, returned to the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction for its 15th year, and

Whereas, though it is now held under the auspices of Vermont Afterschool, the event's original organizer, VT-FEED, retained a consulting role, and the panel of judges brought expertise in the areas of cooking, journalism, and youth programs to their assignment, and

Whereas, in both the morning and afternoon cook-off rounds, the three award categories were Crowd Pleaser (the team best incorporating color, texture, and taste), Lively Local (the team best highlighting Vermont foods), and Mise en Place (the team demonstrating exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism), and

Whereas, the morning middle school category winners were the Winooski School District Wild Onions (Crowd Pleaser–Vegetarian Dumplings), the Williston Central School Wildcats (Lively Local–Vermont Root Vegetable Shepherd's Pie), and the Lake Champlain Waldorf School Naan Believers (Mise en Place–Indian Butter Tofu), and

Whereas, their afternoon peers earning special recognition were the King Street Youth Center Flames (Crowd Pleaser–Thai Green Curry with Coconut, Makrut Lime, and Thai Basil), the Crossett Brook Middle School Cougars (Lively Local–Tiger Tail Burrito Bowl), and the Edmunds Middle School Team #2 (Mise en Place–Chana Masala), and

Whereas, the afternoon-only high school cook-off winners were the Champlain Valley Union High School Red Onions (Crowd Pleaser–Tofu Poke Bowl), the Lake Champlain Waldorf School Soup Doggz (Lively Local–Stir-Fried Vegetables with Noodles and Crispy Tofu), and the Champlain Valley Union High School Chefhawks (Mise en Place–Barbeque Bao Buns), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winning teams of the 2023 15th 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 winning team and to Vermont Afterschool.