

No. R-114. House concurrent resolution congratulating the River Valley Technical Center culinary and management teams on winning the Vermont championship at the 2023 NYSRAEF ProStart Invitational.

(H.C.R.91)

Offered by: Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Chase of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Goldman of Rockingham, and Morris of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, Harrison, Hashim, McCormack, and White

Whereas, secondary school students aspiring to culinary or restaurant management careers can earn valuable scholarships at the National ProStart Invitational, a project of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, and it is considered the nation's premier student competition for these professions, and

Whereas, the ProStart Invitational begins with regional events, and Vermont students compete alongside, but are scored separately from, their peers from New York State in an event held under the local auspices of the New York State Restaurant Association Educational Foundation at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and

Whereas, for the second consecutive year, the culinary team from the River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) in Springfield was judged the Vermont champion, and in 2023, the RVTC managerial competitors were similarly honored, and

Whereas, both RVTC teams are now headed to the national ProStart Invitational to be held in Washington, D.C. during the first week of May, and

Whereas, the RVTC managerial student winners and their base schools were Victoria Feickert (Springfield High School), Isabella Broome (Springfield High School), and Grace Burns (Green Mountain Union High School), and their culinary cohort comprised Annika Knudson (home-schooled), Christopher Leary (Bellows Falls Union High School), Mateo Russell (home-schooled), and Jermaine Anders (Springfield High School), and the great chef mentoring both teams was Dave Groenewold, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the River Valley Technical Center culinary and management teams on winning the 2023 NYSRAEF ProStart Invitational and extends its best wishes for the national competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to River Valley Technical Center.