

No. R-192. House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School on receipt of a 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement.

(H.C.R.95)

Offered by: Representatives Waite-Simpson of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, and Myers of Essex

Whereas, thousands of college-bound high school students throughout the United States enroll in advanced placement (AP) courses that are offered in the humanities, mathematics, and the sciences, and

Whereas, AP courses offer the enrollees an opportunity to study these subjects at the most challenging level offered in secondary schools, and

Whereas, a primary motivation for a student to take an AP course is to sit for the AP examination in the designated subject, and many colleges and universities offer students who earn a high enough test score either college credit or a waiver from taking preliminary or required courses, and

Whereas, the AP courses in mathematics and the sciences serve as an important springboard for students wishing to pursue careers in these fields, and

Whereas, AP math and science courses and the corresponding AP examinations are offered in biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, physics (electricity and magnetism), physics (mechanics), and statistics, and

Whereas, each year, the College Board, the administrator of the AP exams, in collaboration with the Siemens Foundation present the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, which honor students, teachers, and one high school in

each state for their respective accomplishments in the AP science and mathematics exams, and

Whereas, each of the honored high schools is selected “to recognize its commitment to students and leadership in AP participation and performance,” and

Whereas, in 2009, the award’s judges selected Essex High School as the Vermont high school winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and

Whereas, this distinguished honor recognizes the excellence of Essex High’s math and science curriculum and the outstanding faculty who serve as its instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School on receipt of the 2009 Vermont high school Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and be it further

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