

No. R-175. House concurrent resolution congratulating William O'Neil of Essex on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.

(H.C.R.111)

Offered by: Representatives Garofano of Essex, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex, Houghton of Essex, and Vyhovsky of Essex

Whereas, the achievements of Bill O'Neil as an Essex High School athletics coach were truly incomparable, and

Whereas, most successful coaches gain notoriety in one, or possibly two, sports, but Bill O'Neil polished his coaching expertise in three sports: girls' soccer, and softball, and boys' hockey, and

Whereas, during 37 years on the soccer field, Bill O'Neil's teams won six State championships, and, over the same length of time, his softball squads brought home four State championships, and most impressively, his boys' hockey teams earned 14 State championships during the 44 years he coached them, and

Whereas, his overall record of 1,293 victories, 592 losses and 85 ties, and his 24 State championships may represent the greatest coaching success in the annals of Vermont interscholastic sports, and

Whereas, in 2018, this now-retired high school teacher and coach was honored when he became the second Vermonter inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame, and, in 2022, Bill O'Neil is earning a new accolade as the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame welcomes him to its membership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William O'Neil of Essex on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill O'Neil.