

No. R-199. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Harwood Union High School championship bass fishing team.

(H.C.R.145)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Torre of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, for the past six years, bass fishing has been a competitive high school sport in Vermont, and

Whereas, the students who participate are dedicated to the sport, and some of them subsequently compete on collegiate teams and pursue careers related to fishing, wildlife management, or outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, in 2023, the championship tournament, held in October, was launched from the John Guilmette Fishing Access Site in South Hero; 21 teams from across the State participated; each team was limited to six fish, all of which were subsequently released back into the water with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's assistance; and on board every team boat was the coach-boat captain, and

Whereas, the first-place Harwood fishing enthusiasts' catch weighed a total of 24 pounds, 9.9 ounces, a tournament-record weight and well ahead of second-place Middlebury's 21 pounds, 3 ounces, and

Whereas, the members of the 2023 Harwood bass fishing varsity team were Jordan Farr, Nate Conyers, Caleb Durand, Sid Ritzinger, Acer Thompson, Jackson Palermo, Tyler Bravin, and Sawyer Popowicz, and Head Coach-Captain Scott Green and Assistant Coach-Captain Rich Wilbur were outstanding, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Harwood Union High School championship bass fishing team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harwood Union High School.