

No. R-180. House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School on winning the first Academic WorldQuest Vermont championship.

(H.C.R.147)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Giambatista of Essex, Houghton of Essex, and Redmond of Essex

Whereas, Academic WorldQuest is the flagship high school educational program of the World Affairs Councils of America, and

Whereas, it challenges the participating students' mastery of "current international politics, geography, global economics, history, and world cultures," and

Whereas, teams of students, representing their high schools, initially compete in a locally sponsored Academic WorldQuest event, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Vermont Council on World Affairs sponsored its inaugural Academic WorldQuest competition, which immigration attorney Leigh Cole organized and University of Vermont professor Edward R. McMahan judged, and

Whereas, the 2019 Academic WorldQuest Vermont event attracted over 30 students from five schools: Champlain Valley Union High School, Colchester High School, Essex High School, South Burlington High School, and Vermont Commons, and

Whereas, after the timed question-and-answer competition was completed and the scores were tallied, the Essex team emerged victorious and will represent Vermont at the national Academic WorldQuest competition to be held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the internationally astute Essex team's roster consisted of seniors Calvin Burnett, Sam Evans, Peregrine Ibarra, and David Wrenner, and Essex faculty member Charlie Burnett advised the students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School on winning the first Academic WorldQuest Vermont championship and wishes the team every success at the national competition, and be it further

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