No. R-219. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2024 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team.

(H.C.R.165)

Offered by: Representatives Dodge of Essex, Andrews of Westford, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Offered by: Senators Vyhovsky and Wrenner

Whereas, having won the 2022 boys' indoor track and field championship and nearly repeated this victory in 2023, the Essex Hornets were eager to reclaim their lost title, and

Whereas, the 2024 indoor track and field championship meet, conducted at the University of Vermont, showcased the Hornets' athletic prowess, as they secured top finishes in the 600-meter dash, the 4x200 meter relay, and the weight throw, along with other outstanding performances, and

Whereas, the Hornets entered the decisive final test, the 4x400 meter relay, with a narrow four-point lead, and their third-place finish, in an exciting relay in which only .15 seconds separated the top three teams, garnered Essex a sufficient number of points to emerge as the 2024 Division I champion, besting second place St. Johnsbury Academy 104–102, and

Whereas, the thrilled Hornets were Liam Beckett, Tyler Eccles, Mason Fay, Jack Gorman, Matthew Hun, Zachary Jackman, Alexander Johnson, Braden Larose, Carl Laverty, Maxwell Lesny, Nathan Lyle, Diwash Maidali, Matthew Mallory, Emilio Mattos-Canedo, Alexander McClary, Jonathan McNamara, Thomas Meek, Elliot Miklus, David Monsengo, Ashtyn Morel-Blake, Adam Niquette, Kelton Poirer, Joseph Reed, Aiden Sabel, Maxwell Spaeder, James Steward, Beckett Versluys, William White, and Benjamin Wolynec, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Head Coach Nicholas Smith and assistant coaches Varpilah Chase, Adam Lacross, Julie McGilpin, and Toki Tierata were skilled advisors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2024 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team, and be it further

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