

No. R-254. House concurrent resolution congratulating and extending best wishes to the Woodstock Union Middle School Science Bowl team.

(H.C.R.174)

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl is an exciting competitive program created to entice middle school students to engender student enthusiasm for studying science, and

Whereas, entry into the annual National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., is premised on a student's qualifying for an individual school's team that proceeds to win a regional competition, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Union Middle School organized its original Science Bowl team only six years ago, and prior to 2009, a Woodstock team had already appeared in Washington, D.C., on two occasions,

Whereas, this year's team attracted interested and talented students who worked diligently to prepare for the regional competition, and

Whereas, the 2009 Woodstock student participants included Reid Langona, Charles Kahn, Jaired Stewart, and Sawyer Mattsson, who each brought a lively scientific curiosity and strong work ethic to the team, and

Whereas, these four youngsters, who prepared with the able assistance of first-year coach Ryan Becker, proudly represented their school at the 2009 Northern New England Science Bowl held at Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, the four Woodstock students were quick and, more importantly, accurate responders during five rounds of fast-paced questions on a broad range of scientific topics, and

Whereas, in four of the five rounds, Woodstock scored the most points, which when tallied translated into an overall first-place finish, and

Whereas, this victory earned the team and their coach an all-expense-paid trip from April 30 to May 4 to our nation's capital to represent northern New England at the National Science Bowl, and

Whereas, a race of model hydrogen fuel-cell cars that the participating teams build and bring to Washington, D.C., is an exciting segment of this national academic event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to the Woodstock Union Middle School Science Bowl team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ryan Becker at Woodstock Union Middle School.