

No. R-222. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 St. Johnsbury Babe Ruth League 13-years-of-age State championship baseball team.

(H.C.R.183)

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Martel of Waterford, Troiano of Stannard, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the 2016 13-years-of-age St. Johnsbury Babe Ruth League baseball team, with members from the towns of Concord, Hardwick, and St. Johnsbury, as well as students from the Blue Mountain Union School District, was an outstanding group of young players who focused in every game on improving their hitting and defensive skills, and

Whereas, these boys' innate baseball talent no doubt added to their success on the field, and

Whereas, at the 2016 State tournament, the St. Johnsbury team, in a best-of-three series, defeated the Burlington Babe Ruth Baseball 13-years-of-age squad in two consecutive games, 8–7 and 11–6, to win the State title and a berth in the New England tournament that was played in Rochester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, although the Vermonters did not win the New England championship, they can be proud of their on-field accomplishments, and

Whereas, the dedicated boys who played so well throughout the 2016 season were Isaiah Priest, Geoffrey Hauver, Chandler Labounty, Braeden Beck, Daegan Ignjatovic, Zander Stone, Arlo Aldrich, Collin Punderson, Finn Rooney, Jordan Quimby, Dane Buckingham, and Jack Cushman, and

Whereas, team manager Mike Quimby and coaches Mirko Ignjatovic and Bruce Cushman were especially impressed with the team's cohesive effort and spirit, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 St. Johnsbury Babe Ruth League 13-years-of-age State championship baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Quimby.