

No. R-357. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team.

(H.C.R.285)

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the 2017–2018 Division I boys' track and field season featured many outstanding young athletes, including the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers, a team that had lost 18 seniors to the 2017 graduating class, and

Whereas, the State championship meet, held at the University of Vermont, was certain to be a day of close competition for the Division I title, and

Whereas, the athletes and coaches recognized that every point counted, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers secured first place in the 55-meter hurdles, the 4×800 relay, and the weight throw, and those top placements, in combination with the balance of the team's strong results, enabled St. Johnsbury to win the 2018 Division I title, narrowly outscoring runner-up Essex High School 100.50 to 97, and third place Mount Mansfield Union High at 94 points, and

Whereas, the victorious Hilltoppers were Kristian Baird, Matteo Dill, Andrew Hegarty, Allan Poller, Jasper Sterling, Ralph Steyn, Lance Abella, Nathaniel Atkins, Carter Barron, Brandon Burmeister, Ethan Eames, Alex Gingue, Sajan Harvey, Malik Joell, Jacob Lacaillade, Orrin Olmstead, Dillon Ryan, Lane Baldauf, Mackay Breton, and Gabriel Hatch, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chip Langmaid; Assistant Coaches Stephen Badgley, Andra Hibbert, and Michael Zahner; along with volunteer coaches Brandon Legendre and Felisha Olmstead were thrilled with the team's special effort, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.