

No. R-411. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Essex High School Hornets championship gymnastics team.

(H.C.R.292)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the Essex High School gymnastics team, which finished the 2009 season with its fourth consecutive state championship, was a primarily senior squad, and 2010 had the potential of being a rebuilding year, and

Whereas, not willing to take a hiatus from the thick of championship competition, the 2010 Hornets practiced enthusiastically to prove that their school's reputation for gymnastic excellence was still intact, and

Whereas, when the 2010 state championship tournament was held at the Essex High School gymnasium, the Hornets were prepared to demonstrate their skill before the hometown crowd and the many visitors from other towns who were in attendance, and

Whereas, the Hornets' nearest competitor, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS), proved challenging throughout the day, and

Whereas, among the top eight finishers in each event, the Hornets had two in both the vault and bars, three on beams, and four on the floor exercises, and

Whereas, an added bonus was a Hornet earning the distinction of scoring the most individual points, and

Whereas, these spectacular displays of gymnastic mastery contributed to the team's total 136.8 points, their season's second highest, which was a mere 2.35

points ahead of No. 2 CVUHS, earning the Hornets a fifth consecutive state gymnastics championship title, and

Whereas, Hornets Callie Braceras, Sophia Cordner, Rosy Gallo, Leah Grzych, Michaela Isham, Julia Kilcollins, Courtney LaChaussie, Amanda Ligouri, Lucy Lincoln, Matthew McAvoy, Frannie McSoley, Simone Mendes, Olivia Mueller, Mary Parmenter, and Lori Weischedel brought great joy to their parents and classmates who were clapping and cheering their support from the stands, and team managers Hannah Gaboriault and Emilie McDonald were equally thrilled, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kara Bissonnette and Assistant Coach Ashley Godin proved to be patient instructors, willing to spend the time to ensure the continuance of the Hornets' gymnastic tradition of success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Essex High School Hornets championship gymnastics team, and be it further

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