

No. R-396. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Jr Iron Chef VT winning teams.

(H.C.R.322)

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Whereas, each March, VT Feed, a partnership of Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, proudly sponsors the Jr Iron Chef VT competition, and

Whereas, the underlying purpose of the competition is to demonstrate the opportunities for selecting locally produced foods for school menus, and

Whereas, the 2018 edition of this fun-filled cook-off took place on March 17 at the Champlain Valley Exposition Center in Essex and featured 290 students representing 67 Vermont middle and high schools, and

Whereas, between 500 and 600 persons were in attendance and enjoyed this special day of kitchen mastery, and

Whereas, the many teams produced delicious and innovative dishes all intended for dining pleasure, but ultimately, the winners were selected, and

Whereas, the awards are distributed in three categories, with honorees designated for both the middle and high school chefs, and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser Award recognizes teams that best incorporated color, texture, and taste for a true crowd-pleasing dish; the middle school winners were Edmunds Middle School's EMS Culinary Club and Berlin Elementary School's Italian Bobcats, and their high school counterparts were Champlain Valley Union High School's CVU Chef Hawks - Red and LEARN Inc.'s Sauce Pirates, and

Whereas, the Lively Local Award is presented to the teams that best highlight Vermont foods; the middle school teams receiving this accolade were Newark Street School's Newark Newtritionists and the Camels Hump Middle School's Eggcellent, and the high school team similarly honored was Green Mountain Union High School's Skillet Takes, and

Whereas, the Mise En Place Award honors teams that show exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism; the middle school winners were the King Street Youth Center's KCS and the Fusion afterschool program at Vergennes Union Middle School's Jalapeno Hotties, and on the high school level, the Lake Champlain Waldorf School's The Sharpest Knives in the Drawer, and Green Mountain Union High School's Green Mt Cheftains were the winners, and

Whereas, today, April 12, 2018, representative Jr Iron Chef VT winners are offering their delicious cooking in the State House cafeteria, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Jr Iron Chef VT winning teams, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams.