

No. R-471. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jacob Cady and David Gratton on their age group championships in the Elks Vermont and New England Hoop Shoots.

(H.C.R.355)

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lawrence of Lyndon, and South of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, the Elks National Foundation sponsors the Elks National Hoop Shoot basketball contest for boys and girls between eight and 13 years of age, and

Whereas, this event provides a character-building, competitive exercise for the participants and an opportunity to learn the importance of good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, competition begins at the local Lodge level, and age group winners continue on to district, state, and regional shoots, and ultimately compete at the national finals in Springfield, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, in 2013, two of the Vermont champions, Jacob Cady of Lyndon Center (St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343) in the boys' 12–13 age group, and David Gratton of Newport (Newport Elks Lodge # 2155) in the boys' 10–11 age group, were crowned New England champions, and

Whereas, Jacob Cady shot 21 of 25 shots locally, an amazing 24 of 25 in the district shoot, 22 of 25 at the Vermont event, 23 of 25 regionally in South Portland, Maine, and 22 of 25 in the extremely competitive national finals, totaling 112 successful shots on 125 throws, and,

Whereas, David Gratton also shot the ball with precision, earning scores of 18 of 25 at the local and district shoots, a superb 23 of 25 at the Vermont shoot, 19 of 25 at the regional event, and 18 of 25 nationally for a total of 96 successful shots on 125 throws, and

Whereas, each of these outstanding young athletes was able to participate throughout the competition at no cost, as do all the youngsters, due to the generosity of the Elks National Foundation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jacob Cady and David Gratton on their age group championships in the Elks Vermont and New England Hoop Shoots, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the boys honored in this resolution.