

**No. R-491. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton High School and Thetford Academy 2010 Vermont Drama Festival cochampions.**

(H.C.R.359)

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Masland of Thetford, Hubert of Milton, Cheney of Norwich, Howrigan of Fairfield, Johnson of South Hero and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, the Vermont Drama Festival (VDF) championship showcases the best high school performances of one-act plays as selected at the festival's preliminary regional competitions, and

Whereas, the 2010 VDF championship was held on March 26–27 at Randolph Union High School, and

Whereas, when the two days of great performances in Randolph were concluded, Milton High School and Thetford Academy were designated as cochampions and became the VDF's representatives to perform at the New England Drama Festival, which since 1928 has featured the winners from the state drama festivals in a noncompetitive weekend of great theatrical presentations, and

Whereas, the Milton High School students performed "Scenes from The Rimers of Eldritch," a one-act compilation of highlights from the Lanford Wilson play which relates the story of a murder in a small midwestern town, the trial that follows, and the events' impact on an otherwise sleepy community, and

Whereas, the superb student actors and production crew from Milton High School included Jamie Deuell, Grace Emery, Hailey Manfredi, Keely Agan,

Natalie Kurjan, Michaela Halnon, McKenzie Goodwin, Gavin Cook, Ben Gilbert, Kelsey Campbell, Erica Russom, Emma Socha, Jesse Phelps, Brian Hamel, Jessica O'Brien, Patrick Gilbert, Nick Sorrentino, August Cyr, Amanda Simms, Alison Joseph, Kacie Anders, Jenni Roussin, Liz Hamlin, Jordan Lamotte, Allyssa McConkey, Kaitlyn Hanson, Kayla G. Webster, Caitlynn Field, Cece Simms, Maria Castine, Danielle Archambault, Dominique Butler, and Maxwell Curtiss, and

Whereas, Paul Curtiss was the great director who had the valuable support of adult assistants John Lindsay, Kim Hamel, Gisele McRae, Lynn Foshier, Mark Vanyush, Christina Reider, Lindsey Reynolds, and Ryan Montague, and

Whereas, the cast from cochampion Thetford Academy performed Stephen Gregg's one-act play "This is a Test," which portrays a 60-minute test of enormous life importance during which multiple hurdles arise and which culminates in an essay question that is to be written in Chinese, and

Whereas, the outstanding Thetford Academy thespians and technical crew were Malachie Reilly, Kara Ciambra, Michaela Doyle, Jacob Osborne, Satchel Arnold, Andrew Cawley, Hannah Tarleton, Haley Grigel, Eliza Hoffman, Arianna MacKinnon, Dominic Chatot, Rozy Isquith, Henry Levine, Rowan Froehlich, Maddison Wilhite, India Choquette, Helen Cleaves, Lizzy Marks, Peter Ferguson, Reece MacRae, Ethan Chapman, Alex Crimmin, and Gabe Freund, and

Whereas, the play's great director, Ray Chapin, was proud of the Thetford students who won the award for Excellence in Comic Timing, and individual participants were honored with awards for excellence in acting and in lighting design, a technical function for which adults are often responsible, and

Whereas, both schools performed their plays to great acclaim at the 2010 New England Drama Festival that was held in Falmouth, Maine, on April 15–17, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Milton High School and Thetford Academy 2010 Vermont Drama Festival cochampions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the student members and directors from each of the winning schools.