

No. R-449. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group.

(H.C.R.375)

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Whereas, Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town loves to shoot a basketball through the hoop and has demonstrated great skill at directing the ball in the right direction, and

Whereas, she decided to take up the challenge of participating in the Elks National Hoop Shoot, a free throw program for boys and girls ranging from 8 to 13 years of age that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, under the auspices of the organization's Elks National Foundation, conducts in partnership with the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen entered the girls 8 to 9 years of age division and won her local and district competitions, and

Whereas, the Hoop Shoot program in the Rutland Area was conducted under the guidance of Elks Lodge #345, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen was equally successful at the State championship held in Barre and the even more prestigious New England regional event conducted in Maine, and

Whereas, the regional boys' and girls' winners for each of the designated age categories and their parents are awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen represented Vermont with dignity and pride at the national competition in Chicago and can be proud of her achievements in this Elks-sponsored youth program, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ellie Whalen in Rutland Town.