

No. R-471. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Thetford Academy Drama Club on winning a New England Drama Council commendation.

(H.C.R.397)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Whereas, the New England Drama Council promotes the theater arts in the region's high schools through its sponsorship of the New England Drama Festival, and

Whereas, in 2018, this festival commemorated its 90th anniversary with a great series of high school theatrical performances staged at Gilford High School in Gilford, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, among the plays the festival's judges viewed was the Thetford Academy Drama Club's rendition of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]* by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, and

Whereas, any theatrical enthusiast, even if only vaguely acquainted with the voluminous compendium of William Shakespeare's works, recognizes that an abridgement of the great bard's plays imposes many logistical complexities on the cast and crew, and

Whereas, the judges officially commended the Thetford Drama Club's mastery of this ambitious production, recognizing the unusual demands placed on all the students involved, and

Whereas, as for the backstage crew, the judges observed these isolated and unseen individuals "made the true show swiftly fly with swallow's wings," and

Whereas, the judges opined that "all the theater was the stage, and all the audience merely playthings within it," and

Whereas, they further commented on the unique modality of entrances and exits of the performers, the suitability of the costumes for the characters, and that the "quality of the comedy was not strained," and

Whereas, in sum the cast won praise for its ability to reform the playwright's works altogether, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Thetford Academy Drama Club on winning a New England Drama Council commendation, and be it further

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