

**No. R-182. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rick Marcotte Central School teams that participated in the 2009 Vermont Odyssey of the Mind competition.**

(H.C.R.127)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South Burlington

Whereas, Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that challenges students to engage in challenging and unusual problem-solving, and

Whereas, the competition is centered around six categories of team problem-solving, including vehicle, technical, classics, structure, theatrical, and primary, and

Whereas, each team, regardless of its specific problem, works on three components: “long term” and “style,” for which students prepare extensively in advance, and “spontaneous,” for which the participants must devise a fast response to a problem that is introduced in the midst of the competition, and

Whereas, on March 7, 2009, students from across Vermont gathered at Champlain Valley Union High School for the 30th anniversary of the Vermont state tournament of Odyssey of the Mind, and

Whereas, an extremely talented contingent of students, whose coach Ann-Marie Bergeron had thoroughly prepared them, represented the Rick Marcotte Central School in South Burlington, and

Whereas, the Marcotte School structure team, consisting of Carrie Anderson, Mathieu Bergeron, Elizabeth Croll, Clark Deng, Nirali Desai, Nolan Smith, and Joshua Wright, was assigned the “structure” problem, which was to

construct a structure of no more than 18 grams, comprising 1/8-inch balsa wood sticks, with the objective that when shock waves were applied, it could support a maximum amount of weight, and

Whereas, this Marcotte School team was awarded first place for its problem and age division, having created a structure able to support 527 pounds, and

Whereas, the Marcotte School “vehicle” team, whose members included Sophia Huang, Melissa Valgoi, Isaiah Hines, Nicholas Knudsen, Ben Knudsen and Michael Lestrangle, were directed to design and build a small vehicle required to travel to four different locations and change appearance at each site, and for their clever and innovative work, this team was awarded second place for its problem and age division, and

Whereas, both of these teams have been invited to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals to be held in late May at Iowa State University, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rick Marcotte Central School teams that participated in the 2009 Vermont Odyssey of the Mind competition and wishes them the best of success at the World Finals in Iowa, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ann-Marie Bergeron at the Rick Marcotte Central School.