

No. R-207. House concurrent resolution congratulating Benjamin Bond of Champlain Valley Union High School on his being named a 2009 Vermont student winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement.

(H.C.R.143)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, an important measurement of high school students' scientific and mathematical knowledge is the scoring on the College Board's advanced placement (AP) examinations, and

Whereas, these rigorous tests are administered to students enrolled in the corresponding and extremely challenging AP class for that subject, and

Whereas, these science and math courses are offered in biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, physics, and statistics, and

Whereas, successful completion of these courses and high AP examination scores on the 1–5 scale can serve as strong indicators of successful academic performance at the nation's leading colleges, and

Whereas, annually the Siemens Foundation in collaboration with the College Board recognizes the special achievements of high school students in these examinations, and

Whereas, from each state, the foundation honors a maximum of one male and one female student who have earned the most scores of 5 on the AP

scientific and mathematics examinations, with a minimum of two scores of 5 being a prerequisite for this award, and

Whereas, the students are honored nationally with their names appearing in an advertisement that the foundation places in the *USA Today* newspaper and personally with a \$2,000 college scholarship, and

Whereas, the 2008–2009 Vermont male student honored for this high achievement is Benjamin Bond of Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, Benjamin Bond can be very proud of his academic accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Benjamin Bond of Champlain Valley Union High School on his being named a 2009 Vermont student winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Benjamin Bond at Champlain Valley Union High School.