

No. R-284. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Rebels Division I girls' championship track and field team.

(H.C.R.197)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the Essex High School girls' track and field team displayed great confidence and skill at the 2009 Division I championship meet held at Burlington High School, and

Whereas, the Hornet girls demonstrated the breadth of their skills as they scored first place in five sports, including the high jump in which the Essex entrant cleared a height of five feet four inches, and

Whereas, the Hornet pole vaulter was first with a 10-foot clearance, and in the javelin, an Essex team member was the best with a throw of 123 feet one inch, and

Whereas, Essex won both the 100-yard hurdles with a time of 15:46 and the 300-yard hurdles at 46:40, and

Whereas, these event-winning performances, in combination with other upper tier finishes, enabled the 2009 Essex Hornets girls' track and field team to clinch its fifth consecutive Division I title, and its ninth in the last decade, and

Whereas, this impressive display of athletic skill can be attributed to the entire team roster, including Antonia Armstrong-Laird, Chinelo Asanya, Rachel Bambara, Izzy Bazluke, Julie Berardo, Isabella Blanchard, Callie Braceras, Nikki Braceras, Courtney Brooks, Lauren Carl, Jacqueline Caron,

Hannah Cohen, Leah Conchieri, Julie Conlon, Katie Conlon, Kimmy Dirmaier, Melisa Dobraca, Casey Dubie, Kim Dvorak, Shina Ellis-Garcia, Bailey Farrell, Sarah Flaherty, Melissa Fontaine, Megan Fortin, Rosey Gallo, Katie Gilmond, Katie Greene, Stella Grenn, Anna Guthrie, Melissa Guziak, Kelsey Guziak, Shannon Heath, Summer Henderson, Angela Henry, Katie Holden, Narges Hussaini, Lindsey Judge, Hilary Keithcart, Monica Keithcart, Julia Kilcollins, Mary Krug, Stacy Lavallee, Natalie LeClair, Annie Levine, Kate Levine, Amanda Ligouri, Hannah Lumbr, Erin Marvin-Riley, Kara McNamara, Verity Mendes, Simone Mendes, Natalie Moffett, Leah Murdock, Clare Murphy, Sarah Nadeau, Abigal Nash, Trinh Nguyen, Lindsay Norris, Lexie O'Sullivan, Lindsey Paquette, Hannah Paroline, Katie Polakowski, Rehana Pothiawala, Taylor Reynolds, Ellen Rickes, Shivani Sharma, Sarah Sherman, Leah Skinner, Erin Storck, Anna Tallmadge, Katie Tallman, Leanna Taylor, Elle Thomas, Elizabeth Tobey, Amy Wagoner, Kyla Ward, Maura Willey, and Paige Wood, and

Whereas, Head Coach Joe Gonillo and assistant coaches Jeremy Hammond, Dave Gomez, Leighton Walker, Eric Langevin, Tiffany Gilbert, Alison Duffy, and Chris Polakowski carefully advised the team members throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Rebels Division I girls' championship track and field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joe Gonillo at Essex High School.