

No. R-157. House concurrent resolution congratulating Amanda Eldridge on winning the 2010 Positive Youth Sports Alliance of Essex's coach of the year award.

(H.C.R.110)

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

Whereas, the Positive Youth Sports Alliance of Essex (PYSA) was established in 2007 in order to create a more cohesive partnership among youth athletes, coaches and organizational leaders, and

Whereas, the mission of the PYSA is “to promote a positive sports experience that will teach lifelong lessons through personal growth and healthy competition,” and

Whereas, the guiding principles of the PYSA include unifying youth sports and community partners and educating young athletes in positive sportsmanship, and

Whereas, the 13 partnering entities include local schools, community youth sports programs, and municipal organizations, and

Whereas, the PYSA annually designates a coach of the year who is associated with one of the 13 eligible partners, and

Whereas, a nominee for this honor must support the PYSA's mission and show respect for rules, opponents, officials, teammates, and one's self; acknowledge the life-learning role of making mistakes and losing; place the needs of the athletes first; and be a positive role, and

Whereas, in 2010, the selected nominee and winner of this award was Amanda Eldridge, the girls' rugby coach at Essex High School, the first woman to be so honored, and

Whereas, the Essex High School girls' rugby team was Vermont's first, and Amanda Eldridge has been its coach for the past 13 seasons, and

Whereas, the Rugby players' parents nominated her because she "is strong, independent, confident, dedicated, caring and kind," and an ideal role model for their daughters, and

Whereas, Amanda Eldridge explained that her love of rugby coaching centers on her satisfaction in assisting young high school girls transform into confident women, and

Whereas, Amanda Eldridge's nomination was one of 16, and her selection reflects her outstanding character and leadership ability, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Amanda Eldridge on winning the 2010 Positive Youth Sports Alliance of Essex's coach of the year award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Amanda Eldridge in Essex.