

No. R-203. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Street School 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship team.

(H.C.R.152)

Offered by: Representatives Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Whereas, spelling is one of the fundamental academic skills elementary school students need to master, and

Whereas, learning to spell difficult and unusual words can be a challenging and exciting educational experience for students when they participate in the Vermont State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, the disappointment experienced by a student who misspells a word increases when a competitor carefully and successfully navigates the alphabetic labyrinth to select the correct letters, and

Whereas, the team of students from the Green Street Elementary School in Brattleboro almost claimed the 2011 Vermont State Spelling Bee team championship when it tied for second place, and

Whereas, with a team of new fifth-grade and returning sixth-grade spellers, the Green Street School team traveled to the 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship held on November 17 at Northfield High School, and

Whereas, one returning speller summarized the team's perspective on the 2012 event as one of recognizing its strong spelling skills, harboring a need to win after the near success of 2011, and feeling the pressure from the presence of other well qualified teams, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the 2012 competition, the participating students from the Green Street School had proudly won the 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee team championship, and

Whereas, these accurate spelling detectives from Brattleboro included fifth-graders Sarah Annis and Ben Brady and their sixth-grade teammates Julia Belyung, Seviah Cepeda, and Malcolm Toleno, and they are all grateful for the inspiring leadership and helpful assistance of their coach, Alice Charke, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Street School 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Street School in Brattleboro.