

No. R-491. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton High School Drama Club on winning the Vermont Drama Festival's one-act play competition.

(H.C.R.368)

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton and Hubert of Milton

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association, in association with the Vermont Drama Council, sponsors the annual Vermont Drama Festival (VDF) for secondary school students, and

Whereas, the VDF seeks to instill a spirit in the students that celebrates theater, and

Whereas, the VDF includes workshops, dinners, and an exciting one-act play competition that involves young thespians from schools across the State, and

Whereas, the students prepare a one-act play or a scene or cutting of a longer play that is presented at regional competitions, and

Whereas, the Milton High School Drama Club selected Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*, adapted from the translation by Robert Bagg, as its one-act play for the 2014 VDF, and

Whereas, over 30 students appeared as cast members, nearly 20 were on the production crew, and several adult supervisors assisted with technical aspects of the play's presentation, and

Whereas, faculty member Paul Curtiss oversaw the entire production, and

Whereas, at the regional competition, the judges decided that the Milton production merited entry in the State Festival, held at Otter Valley High School, and

Whereas, the judges at the State Festival were equally impressed with the quality of the *Oedipus Rex* presentation and awarded the first-place prize to the Milton Drama Club, and

Whereas, upon arrival home from the State Festival victory, the Milton Drama Club was greeted with a jubilant welcome, including a fire department escort, and

Whereas, not only did the Milton Drama Club win this accolade, for which the student actors and production crew rehearsed attentively and diligently, it was also invited to perform *Oedipus Rex* at the New England Drama Festival at St. Johnsbury Academy, allowing a wider audience to watch the students' dramatic talents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Milton High School Drama Club on winning the Vermont Drama Festival's one-act play competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Milton High School.