

**No. R-203. House concurrent resolution honoring the Essex High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit on its exemplary history.**

(H.C.R.149)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, in 1978, the Essex High School (EHS) Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (Essex AFJROTC) unit was activated with an initial class of 23 students, and by the second year it had grown to 140 students, and

Whereas, in 1980, the Essex AFJROTC was designated an Air Force Honor Unit and EHS as an Honor School with Distinction as one of the top 14 schools among the 275 with an AFJROTC unit, and

Whereas, no other school had earned both honors only two years after its AFJROTC unit's activation, and

Whereas, within three years, the Essex AFJROTC had established a national record, with five students from this single school being selected as military service academy candidates, and

Whereas, the Essex AFJROTC curriculum including academics, leadership training, and physical fitness attracted a broad spectrum of students, and

Whereas, the decline in recent years in the number of participating students will result in the Essex AFJROTC unit's deactivation this spring and the conclusion of an exemplary 37-year history, and

Whereas, the proud final members of the Essex AFJROTC are Sujita Acharya, Jamieson Barber, Victoria Benoit, William Bigelow, Jacob Billings, Justin Carlson, James Carter, Jacob Cowin, Jared Doochen, Isaiah Drown, Jesse Dunton, Daniel Feliciano, Keelan Foy, Sawyer Gabert, Madeleine Garza, Riley Gilmond, Daniel Goodrow, Joanne Harnois, George Harnois, Jason Harnois, Anthony Hastings, Charles Hemmingway, Travis Kendrew, Noah Laporte, Stephen Lizewski, Patrick Mack, Travis Miller, Jordan Pellerin, Calvin Powell, Claire Reeves, Kate Sevene, Max Taylor, Eric Thompson, Jackson Waring, Jacqueline Welch, Adam Ziter, and Nick Ziter, and

Whereas, Colonel James Spaulding, USAF (Retired) and Technical Sergeant Gary Cook, USAF (Retired) have served as the unit's respected instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Essex High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit on its exemplary history, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Essex High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit.