

No. R-435. House concurrent resolution congratulating Elijah Pianka on winning the 2016 Division II high jump championship and on representing Vermont at the New England Championships in Boston, Massachusetts.

(H.C.R.342)

Offered by: Representatives Forguites of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield, and Dakin of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, athletic competition instills in students a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship, building good character in the participant, and

Whereas, to excel in interscholastic athletic competition, a student athlete, aside from natural ability, must be dedicated, enthusiastic, and hard-working, and

Whereas, at the 2016 Vermont Indoor Track Association Combined State Meet, held on January 30 at Norwich University, Elijah Pianka, a Springfield High School junior, exhibited the athletic skill that impressed and surprised those who were familiar with this year's high jump competitors, and

Whereas, Elijah Pianka out-performed the top-seeded entrant to win the Division II high jump championship with a 5'6" jump, and

Whereas, in the separately scored Vermont New England qualifier competition, Elijah Pianka improved his jump, qualifying at a height of 5'7", a performance that was a crucial three inches higher than the second-best result and a great example of his superb athleticism, and

Whereas, Elijah Pianka was proud to represent Vermont in the high jump competition at the 2016 New England Championships in Boston, Massachusetts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elijah Pianka on winning the 2016 Division II high jump championship and representing Vermont at the New England Championships in Boston, Massachusetts, and wishes him future success in his athletic pursuits, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elijah Pianka at Springfield High School.