

**No. R-476. House concurrent resolution congratulating Joshua Kocis on winning the 2016 New England regional Elks Hoop Shoot in the boys' 10–11 years of age group.**

(H.C.R.396)

Offered by: Representatives Lefebvre of Newark, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of Derby, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Joshua Kocis of Brighton loves to practice shooting basketballs and perfecting the accuracy of his shots, and

Whereas, this spring, he took his passion for basketball to new heights, as a competitor in the 44th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a contest that invites youngsters 8–13 years of age, divided into three gender-based age groups, to demonstrate their shooting prowess, and

Whereas, this exciting event features competition at multiple geographic-based rounds, concluding with the national finals in Chicago, which features young athletes from 12 regions, and

Whereas, the contestant's objective in each round of the Elks Hoop Shoot is to score as high a percentage of baskets as possible in a 25-shot sequence, and

Whereas, the youngster is allotted a maximum of five practice shots, then shoots 10 times for scoring, and, after the other participants in the same age–gender cohort have completed their 10 scoring shots, each contestant then shoots his or her final 15 shots, and

Whereas, the Elks Newport Lodge #2155 hosted its lodge-level competition at North Country Union High School (NCUHS), where Joshua Kocis earned the top score of 18/25 (meaning he was successful on 18 of his 25 shots) in the boys' 10–11 years of age group, and

Whereas, at the district level, also conducted on the NCUHS basketball court, Joshua Kocis improved his score to 22/25, once again the best in his group, and

Whereas, at the State contest, he was a winner with an even better 23/25 result, and

Whereas, at the more challenging New England regional competition, where all the shooters were state champions, Joshua Kocis continued his proficient shooting with another winning 23/25 score, and

Whereas, the national Elks Hoop Shoot showcases the best of the entrants from across the country, and the competition is the most intensive, and

Whereas, even with this added excitement and scrutiny, Joshua Kocis completed his shots with a strong 80 percent success rate of 20/25, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Joshua Kocis on winning the 2016 New England regional Elks Hoop Shoot in the boys' 10–11 years of age group, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joshua Kocis.