

No. R-485. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Walking Stick Theatre on winning the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival.

(H.C.R.405)

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, a group of talented Otter Valley Union High School thespians, organized as the Walking Stick Theatre (WST), created a play entitled *Inevitable*, and

Whereas, WST developed *Inevitable* based on a series of discussions and workshops, and

Whereas, the drama's plot centered on a teenager's inevitable questioning of his or her place in society and specifically on the question of sexual identity, and

Whereas, the play served as Otter Valley Union High School's entry in the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival, held at St. Johnsbury Academy April 8–9, and

Whereas, one judge described *Inevitable* as “the most amazing student/adult event piece I have seen,” and

Whereas, other judges also offered high praise, and *Inevitable* was declared the Vermont State Drama Festival's winning play, and

Whereas, WST was also the honored recipient of the Excellence in Acting and Excellence in Stage Management and Lighting awards, and

Whereas, WST proudly performed *Inevitable* at the New England Drama Festival, which occurred April 20–22 in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and

Whereas, the Otter Valley students who created this memorable theatrical presentation included cast members Jacob Miner, Sierra Norford, and Ben Francoeur and the ensemble, consisting of Henry Bart, Alexander Bunker, Madi Coombs, Grace Euber, Calysta Hayes, Elijah Keane, Jonna Keith, Alexis Lape, Niko Moriglioni, Isaiah Nelson, Katelynne Patten, Lennon Philo, Ghislaine Robin, Michaela Ross, and Maxwell Williams, and

Whereas, the student production staff and crew responsible behind the scenes included Jeffrey Hull, Anita Hughes, Owen Kulp, Evelyn Bart, Wesley Smith, and Amber Moriglioni, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Walking Stick Theatre on winning the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival, and be it further

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