

**No. R-99. House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners of the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT statewide youth culinary competition.**

(H.C.R.64)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Buxton of Tunbridge, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Manwaring of Wilmington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the appetizing aroma of student-created original recipes wafted through the Champlain Valley Expo Center in Essex as an enthralled crowd of over 1,000 spectators witnessed the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT culinary extravaganza on February 2, 2013, and

Whereas, all of the recipes featured local ingredients and can be replicated in a school cafeteria, and

Whereas, 74 teams totaling 330 students and representing over 55 Vermont schools participated in this unusual cooking competition which is the ultimate celebration of Vermont's truly special farm-to-school movement, and

Whereas, two awards — Best in Show, honoring a recipe that incorporates great colors, textures, and taste and is a true crowd pleaser and the Lively Local Award, recognizing a recipe that best highlights Vermont foods — were presented in morning and afternoon heats, and each time slot featured both middle school and high school winners, and

Whereas, in the morning cook-off, the Best in Show winners were The Dipsters (Twin Valley Middle School) and the Rebel Chefs (South Burlington High School), and the Lively Local Award honorees were the Stockbridge Salmon (Stockbridge Central School) and the Royal Chefs (South Royalton High School), and

Whereas, the afternoon's culinary champions in the Best in Show category were the Charlotte Chefs (Charlotte Central School) and the J-Lee Quinwonkers (Twin Valley High School), while the recipients of the Lively Local Award were the Cougars (Crossett Brook Middle School) and the Zeman's Zing Zangs (Twin Valley High School), and

Whereas, all of the participating students and their advisors deserve recognition for their efforts during the many months they devoted to preparing for this grand event, and

Whereas, Junior Iron Chef VT's coordinator Libby McDonald, the Burlington School Food Project, and VT-FEED as well as the generous corporate sponsors and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets also deserve credit for contributing to Junior Iron Chef VT's continuing success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winners of the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT statewide youth culinary competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Burlington School Food Project, to VT-FEED and to each of the winning teams honored in this resolution.