

No. R-206. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jacobi Lafferty and Jamison Evans on their New England regional victories in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program.

(H.C.R.152)

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Purvis of Colchester, Russell of Rutland City, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program enables boys and girls 8–13 years of age to sharpen their basketball free-throwing skills, and

Whereas, this competition serves as a character-building opportunity for the participating youngsters, and

Whereas, the youngsters become acquainted with the importance of respecting other competitors and the value of good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, every participant's entry into the Elks National Hoop Shoot begins at a shooting contest that a local Elks Lodge sponsors, and

Whereas, in 2015, two of the local contests were the beginning of an exciting adventure for a Vermont boy, who eventually won a berth at the national finals in Springfield, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, one of the contestants at the Burlington Lodge No. 916 local hoop shoot was Jacobi Lafferty of Colchester, and

Whereas, Jacobi Lafferty competed in the category for boys 8–9 years of age and won the Burlington event, and

Whereas, his consistently accurate free throwing continued to dominate the district and regional contests, and he earned the right to represent Vermont in the regional finals in Portland, Maine, and

Whereas, in Portland, Jacobi Lafferty scored 23 points, the most of any boy in the New England regional competition, regardless of his age category, and

Whereas, a similar launching of a national finals-bound contestant started at Rutland Lodge No. 345's local competition, and

Whereas, in Rutland, Jamison Evans competed in the 12–13 boys category, won his local contest, and repeated that result at the district and then the State competition at Spaulding High School in Barre, and

Whereas, Jamison Evans demonstrated that he is a talented young athlete, able to withstand the pressure of the regional competition, as he won his age category in Portland, scoring an impressive 22.5 points, and

Whereas, each of these boys can be proud of his shooting precision and great success in the 2015 Elks Hoop Shoot, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jacobi Lafferty and Jamison Evans on their New England regional victories in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the boys honored in this resolution.