No. R-401. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship.

(H.C.R.314)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, gymnastics is a sport of individual achievement combined with a unified team spirit, and

Whereas, as the winner of the State title for the past 10 consecutive years, this year's Essex gymnasts desired to extend their team's unique winning streak, and

Whereas, at the 2016 State championship meet, staged at their home gymnasium, the Essex athletes displayed a dedication to their individual specialties and to the entire compendium of events known as gymnastics, and

<u>Whereas</u>, with four of five possible first-place finishes — parallel bars, beam, floor exercises, and all-around — Essex tallied the most points (142.35), surpassing second-place South Burlington (136.25 points), and clinched an amazing 11th consecutive State championship, and

Whereas, Essex team members Anna Charland, Eve Contois, Mya Dusablon, Abigail Evans, Abigail Gehsmann, Abigail Gleason, Lindsey Gleason, Allison Green, Claire Peterson, Hannah Poquette, Angela Tiersch, and Lauren Watson each displayed the skill and tenacity to win, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ashley Godin and Assistant Coach Mary Krug provided great technical guidance to these outstanding gymnasts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Essex High School.