

**No. R-23. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team.**

(H.C.R.9)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the undefeated Essex High School Hornets asserted their softball prowess in the playoffs, earning a berth in the Division I championship game played in Poultney, and the challenge of defeating the 2014 and 2015 champions, the Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots, and

Whereas, the Hornets, although playing one of the best softball teams in the State, were hardly deterred in their quest to win a seventh softball title, and

Whereas, although the Patriots jumped ahead on the scoreboard, the Hornets fought back and surged ahead with a two-run advantage during the fifth inning, winning the game 4–2 and clinching the 2016 Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Hornets' (19–0) 2016 success was the result of great team members Meghan Smith, Shannon Day, Victoria Bean, Allison Rutz, Skylar Gallagher, Sarah Dramstad, Makenna Thorne, Kylie Svarczkopf, Michelle Kent, Molly Kenny, Kaitlyn Butkus, Jamie Morin, Jordan Appenzeller, Sarah Knickerbocker, Emily Harvey, and Regan Day, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ashley Stebbins and assistant coaches Bernie Couture, Brent Farnham, and Mike Thweatt were effective advisors throughout the 2016 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team, and be it further

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