

**No. R-145. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Junior Iron Chef championship teams.**

(H.C.R.111)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, annually, Junior Iron Chef enables Vermont middle and high school students to prove their culinary skills in team competition, and

Whereas, the students' objective is to create healthy local dishes that inspire ideas for use in school meal programs, and

Whereas, VT Feed, a partnership of Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, organizes this interscholastic cooking extravaganza, and

Whereas, the 2017 edition of this unique food festival occurred on March 24 at the Champlain Valley Exposition Center with 55 teams representing 44 schools or community organizations competing for three categories of awards, and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser Award recognizes teams that best incorporated color, texture, and taste for a true crowd-pleasing dish, and the 2017 winning teams, their schools, and their recipes were the Cougars (Crossett Brook Middle School, FR Ramen); the Flood Brook Tigers (Flood Brook School, Samosa from Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery); the Kindle Farmers (Kindle Farm School, Tofu Lo Mein); and the Thunderchefs (Missisquoi Valley Union High School, Quinoa spicy stuffed peppers), and

Whereas, the Lively Local Award was awarded to the teams that best highlighted Vermont foods, and the honorees this year were Turnip the Beet (Green Mountain Middle School, Open-faced Taco-VT Style, Sweet Potato Bean Kale Pesto); Skillet Takes (Green Mountain Union High School, Around the World with Stuffed Pretzels); Chef Jackets (Milton Middle School, Winter Vegetable Curry); and School Chef'd (South Burlington High School, Wasabi Farfalle with Pickled Vegetables), and

Whereas, wrapping up the categories of awards was Mise En Place, an honor granted to teams that showed exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism, and this year's recipients were Fork in the Roof (Burlington High School, Tofu and Paneer Tikka Masala); CVU Chefhawks (Champlain Valley Union High School, Butternut Squash Lasagna); Pawtastic Chefs (St. Albans Town Educational Center, Roasted Beet Hummus Sandwiches); and Vergennes Jalapeño Hotties (Vergennes Union Middle School, Vegetable Pot Pie with Mashed Potatoes), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Junior Iron Chef championship teams, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams.