

No. R-251. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets State championship girls' volleyball team.

(H.C.R.202)

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

Whereas, despite a common misconception that volleyball is a mere beach day frolic, players must execute a team strategy and direct the ball as carefully as possible, and

Whereas, having reached, but not won, the State championship in 2016, the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team rebounded with a great 2017 season, including a first-seed playoff ranking, and

Whereas, the Hornets prevailed in each succeeding playoff round, earning a berth in the State championship contest at St. Michael's College, where they faced third-seeded and the reigning champion, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), and

Whereas, although the Hornets lost the championship game's opening set 25–21, they were not deterred, beating CVU in the second, fourth, and fifth sets to win the 2017 State championship with a strong performance, and

Whereas, Essex volleyball players Jessica Rose, Anna Ursiny, Amelia Duffy, Tia Kane, Rachel Yandow, Sarah Knickerbocker, Kaitlyn Schels, Megane Hamel, Valerie Bessette, Elizabeth Goodrich, Michaela Compo, Kylie Acker, Molly Kenny, Madeline Folsom, and Charlotte Frivoll were thrilled with their exciting victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jen Liguori was proud of her team, and team manager Montia Peart was always ready to assist as needed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School Hornets State championship girls' volleyball team, and be it further

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