

**No. R-14. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning its second consecutive State championship.**

(H.C.R.7)

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

Whereas, in 2016, Vermont became the last state to approve high school varsity volleyball competition, and the sport's increased popularity resulted in 12 girls' and seven boys' teams participating in the fall 2018 season, and

Whereas, in the 2018 State championship game, played in Colchester, the top-seeded and defending girls' volleyball champions, the Essex Hornets, strongly rebounded from an opening 4–0 scoring deficit to secure the 2018 State title with three individual set victories of 25–20, 25–14, and 25–17 against rival Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, this grand finale enabled the Hornets to conclude their 2018 season with an undefeated 17–0 record, and

Whereas, Hornets Jessica Rose, Molly Ardren, Kayla Boutin, Amelia Duffy, Rachel Yandow, Grace Asoera, Megane Hamel, Amanda Lyon, Elizabeth Goodrich, Jazmin Munson, Madeline Folsom, Kathryn Deibler, Paige Winter, and Valerie Bessette played with genuine enthusiasm, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jen Liguori has set the gold standard for coaching girls' volleyball at a Vermont high school, and the support of team managers Montia Peart and Kayla Adiang was most appreciated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team on winning its second consecutive State championship, and be it further

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