

No. R-197. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018–2019 Colchester High School debate program for its outstanding record and State championship victory.

(H.C.R.164)

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, participation at the 2019 Vermont State Debate Tournament, held on March 10 at the State House, consisted of 24 teams, representing nine high schools, including five teams from Colchester High School, and

Whereas, all five Colchester tournament teams won their preliminary rounds, including one designated as best novice team, and Colchester debaters won five of the six individual student awards, and

Whereas, perhaps most remarkably, the two final teams that debated for top honors were from Colchester High School, and

Whereas, in this unusual championship round, the team of Fariha Nawar and Tullia Mamenga outscored its rival team of Zakir Beridze and Graham Bertoni, and

Whereas, although only the championship pair of debaters will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to participate in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament in May, every Colchester 2018–2019 debater, including Trisa Timsana, Sally Zuk, Emma Domachowski, Julia Correll, Prinsha Neupane, Emma McDonald, Madison Laquerre, Preslie Beuschel, Thomas Buckley, and Wyatt Luce, performed with distinction, and much of the credit is due to the debate program advisor Robert Hall, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018–2019 Colchester High School debate program for its outstanding record and State championship victory, and be it further

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