No. R-214. House concurrent resolution congratulating Chef Christian Kruse on his selection as a 2022 semifinalist for the receipt of the James Beard Foundation's Best Chef: Northeast Award.

(H.C.R. 141)

Offered by: Representatives Vyhovsky of Essex, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex, Garofano of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the James Beard Awards "recognize exceptional talent and achievement in the culinary arts," and the role of their sponsor, the James Beard Foundation, is to "celebrate support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability," and

 $\underline{\text{Whereas}}$, the Best Chef: Northeast Award honors outstanding culinary wizards from the New England states, and

Whereas, one of this award's 2022 semifinalists is Christian Kruse, the chef at the Black Flannel Brewing Company in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, this recognition not only acknowledges Christian Kruse's outstanding skill and talent in the kitchen and attests to his creativity and proficiency in various aspects of food preparation, but also highlights the equally important role that eateries not considered fine dining establishments play in the American culinary scene, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chef Christian Kruse on his selection as a 2022 semifinalist for the receipt of the James Beard Foundation's Best Chef: Northeast Award, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christian Kruse, and to the Black Flannel Brewing Company in Essex Junction.