

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 244

House concurrent resolution congratulating the drama students and theater department of Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans on earning a berth at the 2024 New England Theatre Festival

Offered by: Representatives McCarthy of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, and Toof of St. Albans Town

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Principals' Association and the Vermont Drama Council cosponsor the Vermont Drama Festival; and two of the one-act plays this festival showcases are selected for presentation at the New England Drama Council's New England Theatre Festival, which, in 2024, was held at Attleboro (Massachusetts) High School, and

Whereas, this year, one of the two Vermont productions bestowed this regional honor was Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans' presentation of Marisha Chamberlain's abridged dramatic rendition of Louisa May Alcott's beloved 19th-century novel *Little Women*, and

Whereas, Susan Palmer directed the BFA-St. Albans production of *Little Women* with a cast featuring students Grace Bruley, Chloe Weinstein, Emma Gibson, Jon Coulombe, Olivia Newhall, Olivia Conner, Ares Young, Leah Jamison, Brendan Conley, Owen Scott, and Hardy Toof; and Technical Director Doug Bell had the invaluable support of Jacob Kittell, Sophia Williams, Jeff Modereger, Ivy Hoang, Keerah Gaudette, Shannon Milne, Chloe Hargis, Jamie Bristol, Max Westen, Elizabeth Kusmit, and Jessica Southwick, and

Whereas, this theatrical presentation also received important support from the University of Vermont Theatre Department, Sarah Bush, Sue Wade, Jamie Bristol, Aram Barsumian, Nicole Jamison, Diane Bruley, Jason Bruley, Arleigh Young, Alix Gibson, Christopher Leduc, Eric Bushey, and Alex Charpentier, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the drama students and theater department of Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans on earning a berth at the 2024 New England Theatre Festival, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.