

**No. R-221. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Essex High School Hornets on winning the State boys' volleyball championship.**

(H.C.R.180)

Offered by Representatives Black of Essex, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Houghton of Essex Junction, and Steady of Milton

Offered by Senators Baruth, Gulick, Mattos, and Vyhovsky

*Whereas*, in recent years, the Essex Hornets boys' volleyball team's skill has been reconfirmed repeatedly with the school's five-time representation in the State championship game, but, regrettably, victory always eluded them, and

*Whereas*, in 2025, the team's fortunes changed as first-seeded and undefeated Essex again earned a championship berth and faced the second-ranked Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars in a contest at St. Michael's College in Colchester, and

*Whereas*, in a tightly played first set, Essex emerged on top 25–22, although the Cougars rebounded in the second set 25–18, guaranteeing at least a fourth set of play, and

*Whereas*, in the third set, the reenergized Hornets proceeded to defeat the Cougars convincingly 25–15, and despite a final Cougar surge, Essex prevailed 25–22 in the fourth set, clinching a 3–1 game victory and the long-awaited first State crown, and

*Whereas*, the jubilant Hornets (16–0), who emerged triumphant, were Coen Giles, Thomas Trombley, Maxim Katsnelson, Aaditya Pradhan, Riley Anger, Malx Eckman, Cooper Yandow, Rohan Rai, Gregory Maiberger, Ishack Magar, Patrick Jordan, Evan Hughes, and Lorenzo Ayoub, and

*Whereas*, cohead coaches Dylan Lamere and Gary Randall proved great strategists for the team, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Essex High School Hornets on winning the State boys' volleyball championship, *and be it further*

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