

**No. R-226. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Colchester Majors' Division I championship Little League Baseball team.**

(H.C.R.185)

Offered by Representatives Austin of Colchester, Bishop of Colchester, Critchlow of Colchester, and Pezzo of Colchester

Offered by Senators Brennan, Baruth, Gulick, Norris and Vyhovsky

*Whereas*, the 2025 Division I Little League Baseball championship finale featured two teams, Colchester and Champlain Valley, comprising outstanding players 10–12 years of age, in an exhilarating game played at Burlington's Schifilliti Field, and

*Whereas*, this classic baseball encounter, during which the lead changed four times, was truly in flux until the final out was recorded, and

*Whereas*, although Champlain Valley initiated the scoring with a strong four-run opening blast, Colchester responded with equal fervor, concluding the first inning with a four–all tie, but the day's memorable moment occurred in the bottom of the sixth, when, with his team down two outs and trailing 11–9, a Colchester player swiped a three-run over-the-fence homer, cementing a 12–11 triumph, and

*Whereas*, at the State championship, Colchester reached the semifinal game, bowing to Essex Town, the eventual title winner, and

*Whereas*, Colchester's impressive squad consisted of Cooper Carney, Hayden Critchlow, Weston Ellingson, Carson Hier, Fritz Jakobeit, David Litchfield, Kellan McLaughlin, Paxton Merchant, Keegan Norris, River Shelvey, Dylan Tepper, and Oliver Wheelock, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach Brennan Carney and assistant coaches Mark Ellingson, Jamie Merchant, and Steve Shelvey inspired the team to play its best, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2025 Colchester Majors' Division I championship Little League Baseball team, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester Majors' Little League Baseball team.