

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 408

House concurrent resolution honoring Green Mountain Valley School Headmaster and former U.S. Olympic Ski Coach Dave Gavett

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, Dave Gavett grew up in southern Vermont, skiing at the Haystack Mountain, and is truly at home on Vermont's snowy mountain slopes, and

Whereas, he is a graduate of Middlebury College, where he majored in history and economics, and

Whereas, in 1978, Dave Gavett joined the coaching faculty of Green Mountain Valley School (GMVS), a ski racing academy in Fayston, and he was designated the women's head coach in 1979, and

Whereas, for nearly two generations at GMVS, Dave Gavett's real gift to the school has been a unique ability to use the students' athletic skill, in combination with academics and the arts, to maximize these student athletes' human potential, and

Whereas, an excellent teacher and administrator, Dave Gavett served as GMVS's assistant headmaster during the years 1980–1983, and

Whereas, another interest of Dave Gavett's is musical theater, which he introduced to GMVS, and he has brought in professional theatrical coaching, resulting in superb theatrical productions, and

Whereas, from 1986–1989, Dave Gavett left GMVS to coach the U.S. Women's World Cup Speed Team (skiing), as well as coaching at the world championships in 1987 and 1989 and at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, and

Whereas, in 1989, Dave Gavett returned to GMVS as the new headmaster, and

Whereas, at the GMVS campus on Bragg Hill in Fayston, he oversaw the construction of an 18,000-square-foot world-class training facility and the expansion of the site's original farmhouse to include a student center and library, and

Whereas, in both 2015 and 2016, the Niche Rankings of Schools "Best Outcomes" listed GMVS as the best private high school in Vermont, and

Whereas, nearly four decades after the start of his GMVS career, Dave Gavett will be concluding his tenure as headmaster after this spring's graduation and will have ample time to devote to his other passion, maple sugaring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Green Mountain Valley School Headmaster and former U.S. Olympic Ski Coach Dave Gavett, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dave Gavett.