

No. R-64. House concurrent resolution congratulating Alicia Dana of Putney on winning a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

(H.C.R.41)

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Belaski of Windsor, Bock of Chester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Dakin of Colchester, Dunn of Essex, Macaig of Williston, Noyes of Wolcott, Squirrel of Underhill, Till of Jericho, Walz of Barre City, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, as a teenager, Alicia Dana enthusiastically cycled and Nordic skied, and

Whereas, however, at age 17, she fell from a tree, resulting in paraplegia, and

Whereas, as she adjusted to her new physical condition, Alicia Dana entered the only cycling-comparable athletic competition then available, wheelchair racing, but longed to return to a more suited sport, and

Whereas, in the mid-1990s, handcycles were introduced, enabling Alicia Dana and other persons who have sustained spinal cord injuries or double amputations to enter a sport more closely resembling cycling, and

Whereas, one of her early handcycling adventures was a ride across the United States that raised funds for nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, Alicia Dana's traveling colleagues commented on her strength as a handcyclist and recommended that she become a competitive racer, and

Whereas, in 2001, Alicia Dana earned a spot on the U.S. national team, competed in that year's world championships, and raced again in 2002, and

Whereas, after a break of nearly a decade to raise her daughter, she resumed handcycling racing, and

Whereas, this talented handcyclist quickly demonstrated her continuing proficiency in the sport, earning an impressive fifth place in the women's handcycling time trial at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, and

Whereas, following her London performance, Alicia Dana won six World Championship medals, including a first place gold medal, and

Whereas, Alicia Dana earned a slot on the U.S. team that traveled to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games where she achieved an outstanding fourth place finish in the women's handcycling road race, and

Whereas, most significantly, in Rio, Alicia Dana proudly secured second place and, with a time of 33 minutes 57.48 seconds, a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alicia Dana of Putney on winning a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alicia Dana in Putney.