

No. R-61. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont medal winners at the 2022 National Senior Games and designating March 15, 2023 as Senior Physical Fitness Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.45)

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Harrison of Chittenden, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Gregoire of Fairfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Mattos of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Priestley of Bradford, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) organizes the Vermont Senior Games, the qualifying event for Vermonters who desire to participate in the challenging National Senior Games, a biennial event held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and in 2022, 80 Vermont athletes traveled there, participated in 11 sports, and won 21 gold, 10 silver, and 14 bronze medals, making an impressive total of 45, and

Whereas, Vermonters especially noteworthy were Flo Meiler of Shelburne, 87 years of age, the National Senior Games top winner, with five gold and ten overall in track and field; Bob Willey of Essex, 89 years of age, a bronze medalist in basketball; and Donna Smyers of Adamant, in the 60–64 age group, with two golds, one in cycling and one in the triathlon, and

Whereas, the Vermonters who won one or more medals were Karen Andresen, Lee Ann Banks, Annie Besette, John Bolton, Sarah Bombardier, Linda Bracken, Eric Brigham, Anne Campbell, David Chesley, Mary Clifton, Brian Conchieri, Jim Flint, Margaret Gibson, Don Gilman, Matt Guild, Kristen Hartley, Kate Herbert, Tim Hogeboom, Jeanne Hulsen, Helga Immerfall, Todd Keller, Gurudharm Khalsa, Deborah Larkin, Victoria Luksch, Susan Madrigan, Elizabeth McCarthy, Flo Meiler, Mark Mulder, Loren Palmer, Sani Pasagic, John Prentice, Bill Romond, Zane Rodriguez, Marc Sacco, Patty Sacco, Jeff Schuman, David Shiman, Pam Sills, Donna Smyers, John Tashiro, Sandra Wall, Joan Weir, Stan Wilbur, and Bob Willey, and

Whereas, today, March 15, 2023, representatives of the VSGA and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness are at the State House to explain the importance for seniors to remain athletically active, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont medal winners at the 2022 National Senior Games and designates March 15, 2023 as Senior Physical Fitness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each athlete honored in this resolution, to the VSGA, and to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.