

No. R-120. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship Nordic ski team.

(H.C.R.78)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, McDonald of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Whereas, since U-32 introduced competitive interscholastic Nordic skiing a decade ago, the sport has blossomed into a popular school activity, and

Whereas, from a modest start, the program has improved incrementally to become among the most respected in the state, and

Whereas, 2009 marked a major turning point in Nordic skiing at U-32, as the team won the Division II championship for the first time, surpassing other schools with a far more established presence in the sport, and

Whereas, this athletic milestone for U-32 can be attributed to the skiers' outstanding performances in the classical segment of competition at the state Nordic skiing meet conducted on March 4 at the Mountain Top Ski Touring Center in Chittenden, and

Whereas, in the classical individual race, U-32 skiers placed second, sixth, and seventh, scoring only 14 points to the second place finishers 48, and

Whereas, in the team relay that followed, the U-32 team's total skiing time of 35:50.1 was over two and one-half minutes quicker than second-place finisher BFA-Fairfax, and

Whereas, when all the meet's times were tallied, U-32 had beaten all of its competitors handily, surpassing second-place BFA-Fairfax 44-132, and

Whereas, U32's swift-paced team of skiers from Washington County towns, including Kelcie Bean, Holly Bushman, Rebecca Coryell, Nell Davis, Chelsea Evans, Helena Kehne, Larissa Kehne, Theresa Kehne, and Esther Nemethy, traversed the course speedily and competently, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin and Kathy Topping have dedicated considerable effort into building a championship team that is respected among its competitors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship Nordic ski team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mark Chaplin at U-32 High School.