

No. R-161. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 University of Vermont Catamount skiers on their team and individual accomplishments.

(H.C.R.118)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Pellett of Chester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, the winter of 2009 was an exciting season for the University of Vermont Catamount alpine and Nordic skiers, and their season-long performance was most commendable, and

Whereas, at the 2009 NCAA ski championships that Bates College hosted on the Maine alpine ski slopes and Nordic courses, UVM left a winner in more ways than one, and

Whereas, as a team, the Catamounts placed fifth, higher than any other school from the eastern United States, and UVM finished 18 points ahead of its nearest eastern rival, Dartmouth College, which had dominated regional competition this winter, and

Whereas, eight of the 10 Catamount skiers at the NCAA championships were awarded All-American honors, clearly demonstrating the great depth and skill of the UVM skiing team, and

Whereas, especially noteworthy were the performances of Catamounts David Donaldson and Juergen Uhl, and

Whereas, David Donaldson won the men's giant slalom competition with a combined time in the event's two rounds of 2:30.24 and scored his eighth race victory of the season, and

Whereas, in recognition of this win, he was named a first team NCAA All-American, and

Whereas, his teammate, Juergen Uhl, was the first-place winner in the men's 10K classic Nordic race with a speedy time of 24:14.9, clinching his third race victory of the season, and

Whereas, Juergen Uhl's first place finish in the NCAA Nordic classic race is only the third time that a Catamount skier has achieved this objective, and

Whereas, this impressive victory earned Juergen Uhl the coveted rank of a first team NCAA All-American, and

Whereas, the Catamount ski coaching staff, including Director of Skiing Bill Reichelt, Head Nordic Coach Paul Stone, Assistant Alpine Coach Johnny Davidson, Assistant Nordic Coaches Patrick Weaver and Fred Fayette, also deserve recognition for their contributions to the team's 2009 success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 University of Vermont Catamount skiers on their team and individual accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Bill Reichelt, David Donaldson, and Juergen Uhl at the University of Vermont athletics department.