

No. R-408. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders girls' alpine ski team on winning a fourth consecutive state championship.

(H.C.R.289)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, Carris and Mullin

Whereas, the Middlebury College Snowbowl was the site for the 2010 girls' alpine skiing championships, and the day proved auspicious for the Rutland High School Raiders girl skiers, and

Whereas, coming in with an impressive recent history of three consecutive championship victories, the Raiders girl skiers were clad in identical headbands, which one of the skier's mothers had knitted, symbolizing their united objective to maneuver the downhill course en route to a fourth consecutive state championship, and

Whereas, the morning opened as usual with the giant slalom race, consisting of a single run for each girl down the hill, and

Whereas, alpine ski competition is a team effort that is dependent on a totality of the top four team finishers, and Rutland's top finisher's fifth place run, in combination with her next three teammates' placing in the top half of the competition's finishers, enabled Rutland to take a 51–80 lead, and

Whereas, the slalom is a set of two races, and a Raider placed second among the competitors, and

Whereas, when the day's skiing was complete, Rutland had the winning score of 109, sporting a wide lead over second-place finisher Mount Mansfield Union High School which came in at 139, and

Whereas, Raiders Caitlin Bliss, Sara Guth, Sam Boles, Amanda Thomas, Cassie Harnett, and Caitlin Bucksbaum skied with confidence and swift speed at the state championship, and, during the regular season, teammates Kacy Connolly, Annie Caldwell, Nell Reis, and Angie Lucian contributed to the team's great runs, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Tyler Weideman and Assistant Coach Dawn Adams helped guide the team to its fourth consecutive state title, and

Whereas, the girl Raiders wrapped up a memorable week for Rutland High School alpine skiers as the boys captured their state title just days before, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders girls' alpine ski team on winning a fourth consecutive state championship, and be it further

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