

No. R-490. House concurrent resolution in memory of Stratton Mountain Ski Resort skiing legend Emo Henrich.

(H.C.R.358)

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Komline of Dorset and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, Emo Henrich, a native of Innsbruck, Austria, was a born skier and an enthusiastic connoisseur of Austrian culture, especially popular Tyrolean songs, dances, and yodeling, and

Whereas, both of these passions are closely intertwined with the history of the Stratton Mountain Ski Resort, and

Whereas, in 1961, Stratton Mountain Ski Resort founder, Frank Snyder, invited Emo Henrich to relocate from California, where he was working as a ski instructor, to become the resort's first ski school director, and

Whereas, the Stratton Mountain Ski School instructed the resort's patrons, both beginning skiers and those who already had more familiarity with alpine skiing, how to maximize their skills and the enjoyment of the sport, and

Whereas, thousands of skiers benefited from Emo Henrich's instruction and that of his faculty, many of whom were young skiers who he had taught, and

Whereas, while he was busy on the slopes, his wife, Annedore, managed their cozy and popular nearby ski lodge, The Birkenhaus, and

Whereas, his evenings were spent entertaining guests at The Birkenhaus or leading Tyrolean entertainment nights at Stratton Mountain's base lodge, and

Whereas, Emo Henrich's musical talent led him to establish a singing group, The Stratton Mountain Boys, which he directed while also supervising the ski school, and

Whereas, his artistic inclinations were not limited to Tyrolean music, as his beautiful watercolors portrayed the many places around the world to which he ventured to ski, sail, mountain climb, and enjoy beautiful scenery, most especially, his native Austria, and

Whereas, another one of the many skills he mastered was woodworking, and Jake Burton Carpenter developed his early snowboard craftsmanship under Emo Henrich's careful tutelage, and

Whereas, Emo and Annedore Henrich were supporters of many worthy local institutions, and, in 1989, his special place in the heart of the Stratton community was recognized when the Stratton Foundation and Stratton Mountain Ski Resort jointly established the Emo Henrich Award, which is presented to a local resident who has demonstrated exemplary community service and a lasting impact on Stratton Mountain, and

Whereas, Emo Henrich died in May 2009 in Igls, Austria, and his survivors include his wife, Annedore, daughters, Mercedes (Benzi) and Christina (Tini), and grandchildren, Olivia and Rory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Stratton Mountain skiing legend Emo Henrich, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Annedore Henrich, each of Emo Henrich's daughters, the Stratton Mountain Ski Resort, and the Stratton Foundation.