

No. R-110. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship boys' cross-country team.

(H.C.R.42)

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Frank of Underhill, Till of Jericho and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, for Vermont's interscholastic runners, the state championship meet at Thetford Academy is a memorable event, and

Whereas, in 2010, the Division I boys' competition generated extra excitement during the final half-mile surge, the segment of a race when the adrenaline and mental concentration of a runner are pushing the competitor to finish at the maximum possible pace, and

Whereas, this competitive final surge can prove critical to the overall team standings at the championship meet where the best interscholastic runners in Vermont are showcasing their talent, and

Whereas, two runners, one a Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU) Cougar and the second a St. Johnsbury Academy (SJA) Hilltopper, pushed extra hard in the final minutes as the Cougar narrowly surpassed the Hilltopper at the finish line, earning a decisive 22nd-place finish, and

Whereas, MMU runners also proudly placed fourth, fifth, eleventh, and twentieth to create a combined winning score of 59 points, just slightly ahead of the strong second-place SJA finish of 61 points, and

Whereas, the entire MMU boys' cross-country team, including Joseph Adkisson, William Adkisson, Julian Arnott, Matthew Ashe, Rudy Bentlage,

Trevor Bibb, Avery Bliss, Thaddeus Bliss, Benjamin Bourdeau, Hayden Bove, William Bresee, Nathan Brown, Jackson Burroughs, Craig Calhoun, Andrew Carbee, Gabe Cummings, Keegan Cummings, Aaron Early, Sean Feenan, Ben George, Brendan Giroux, Ted Grover, Eric Hallman, Jason Hardacre, Aidan Hartswick, John Hegman, Keegan Heston, Jeffrey Jewell, Ben King, Noah King, Sam Kitsos, Tom Kitsos, Andrew Lange, Timothy Lindberg, Christian Marier, Adam Martin, Austin Merrill, Jeffrey Meyer-Lorentson, Matthew Noonan, Sean O'Connor, Nathaniel Ogilvie, Hunter Peryer, Joseph Poley, Derrek Schultz, Quinn Self, Nick Shallow, Dan Shank, Kyle Werner, and Braden Yeates, contributed to the team's great 2010 season, and

Whereas, Coach Bill Eschholz and Assistant Coach Al Sartwell kept the runners disciplined and prepared to pace themselves appropriately, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Mount Mansfield High School Cougars Division I championship boys' cross-country team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Eschholz at Mount Mansfield Union High School.