

No. R-125. House concurrent resolution congratulating Cochran's Ski Area on its golden anniversary.

(H.C.R.88)

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Jewett of Ripton, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, for 50 years, Vermont youngsters numbering in the thousands have been introduced to alpine skiing on the family-friendly trails of Cochran's Ski Area in Richmond, and

Whereas, the story of Cochran's Ski Area is the great saga of a premier Vermont skiing family's desire to share their love of the slopes, and

Whereas, in 1961, Ginny and Mickey Cochran strung a single rope tow on a hill behind their Richmond farmhouse and created a couple of backyard trails, and Cochran's Ski Area, a training facility for the Cochrans' children and their neighbors, opened, and

Whereas, the family's kitchen doubled as the original ski lodge, and

Whereas, by the 1970s, the family had expanded and reconfigured the ski area to encompass four lifts and eight slopes, and

Whereas, in 1984, the current ski lodge was constructed, and

Whereas, the skiing achievements of the Cochran family reached the pinnacle of success as all four children were top skiers for the United States teams at the World Cup and the Olympics, and their father served as the team's coach during the 1973–1974 season, and

Whereas, Barbara Ann Cochran added a special chapter to her family's skiing renown and to Cochran's allure as an instructional skiing center when she captured a gold medal in the slalom competition at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and

Whereas, the family's skiing accomplishments continued into the next generation with five of the ten Cochran grandchildren becoming U.S. ski team members, and one, Jimmy, skiing twice as an Olympian, and

Whereas, many skiers begin as lollypop racers at Cochran's and proceed to top Division I college teams, and four Cochran's alumni were NCAA champions, and

Whereas, following Mickey Cochran's death in 1998, Ginny Cochran reorganized Cochran's Ski Area as the nation's first nonprofit ski area and remained involved with its operations until her death in 2005, and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 5, a grand 50th anniversary party will take place at Cochran's featuring 25-cent lift tickets, the original price, a 1960s slalom race, and a musical celebration and concluding with a Cochran's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cochran's Ski Area on its golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cochran's Ski Area in Richmond.