

**No. R-167. House concurrent resolution in memory of Jack Gabriel Hannan, champion freeskier.**

(H.C.R.126)

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Cambridge, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Brennan of Colchester, Buxton of Royalton, Devereux of Mount Holly, Greshin of Warren, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Jamaica, Peaslee of Guildhall, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Wright of Burlington and Young of Albany

Whereas, Jack Hannan was born in Portland, Oregon, and his affinity for the mountains was sealed when, before first grade, he scaled Clifty Mountain in Idaho, and

Whereas, his life journey continued as his parents moved to Vermont, where they found a new home in the town of Holland, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan found his way to Jay Peak, and he developed an intimate association with this northern Vermont ski area including as an alpine skier for North Country Union High School, as a pioneer of the mountain's new glades, as one of Jay's youngest instructors, and in truth as a nearly full-time winter resident of the ski area, and

Whereas, when the snow melted, he found other outdoor activities to enjoy, including hiking the entire Long Trail with his parents, attending the Green Mountain Conservation Camp, and working with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Patrol, and the United States Forest Service in its Rochester Ranger District, and

Whereas, the call of the West and its more challenging ski terrain proved irresistible, and he packed his \$50 Datsun and headed for Crested Butte, Colorado, where his passion for skiing and his skills as a landscaper and carpenter were all put to good use, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan became one of the best extreme skiers, winning the 2003 U.S. Freeskiing Championship in Crested Butte and other events at Kirkwood, Snowbird, and Whistler Mountains, and

Whereas, in Colorado, he met Laura Ogden, also a champion freeskier, and in 2007, they permanently relocated to Pemberton, British Columbia, where they were happily ensconced, and in 2008 they became husband and wife, and

Whereas, on March 31, 2010, just as they and others had finished skiing down a couloir on Mount Currie, the loud noise of an approaching Class 3 avalanche was heard and all escaped to safety except Jack, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan was only 35, and his life was celebrated and mourned with tributes in the skiing press, and his survivors include his wife; his father, former Representative Paul Hannan, now of Calais; his mother, Carolyn Hannan of West Charleston; his birth father, George Reeves of Washington state; his sister, Adelaide Hannan of Calais; and his brother, Cedar Hannan of Craftsbury, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the skiing accomplishments and memory of Jack Hannan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of his family.