

No. R-352. House concurrent resolution congratulating Keegan Bradley on winning the 2011 PGA Championship and the 2011 PGA Grand Slam, and being named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year.

(H.C.R.267)

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Clarkson of Woodstock, Martin of Springfield, Manwaring of Wilmington, Pugh of South Burlington, Klein of East Montpelier and Sweaney of Windsor,

Whereas, Vermont is not usually known as the locale where America's greatest golfers first tee off, but Keegan Bradley, originally from Woodstock, has now shattered that assumption, and as a youngster expressed a strong preference for golf over wintertime sports, and

Whereas, Keegan Bradley's affinity for swinging a golf club was perhaps inherent as his aunt, Pat Bradley, is a member of the sport's hall of fame, and his father is a golf pro who has worked in Woodstock, Wilmington, and Springfield, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Union High School team was a beneficiary of Keegan Bradley's golfing talent until his family moved to Hopkinton, Massachusetts where he graduated from the local high school, and

Whereas, as a proud member of the St. John's University Red Storm golf team, Keegan Bradley was known as the player who always wanted to practice at every opportunity, including school vacations, a work ethic that resulted in his clinching nine individual titles and establishing a school record for a three-round championship, and

Whereas, in 2008, he graduated from St. John's with a degree in sports management and set off to pursue his dream of a professional golfing career, and

Whereas, as a recent recipient of his PGA Tour Card, this past August, he played in the prestigious 2011 PGA Championship at Johns Creek, Georgia, ranked 81st among his colleagues, and

Whereas, Keegan Bradley played his best, but with three holes remaining in the fourth, and normally decisive, round, he trailed the leader, Jason Dufner, by five strokes, having made a triple bogey on the 15th, but two consecutive birdies were sufficient for entry into a tie-breaking three-hole playoff round during which Keegan birdied the first hole and safely cleared water hazards on the last two to win the PGA Tournament championship and the Wanamaker Trophy, symbolic of victory at this renowned major tournament, and

Whereas he became only the third golfer in the history of professional golf to clinch a major tournament victory on the first try, and

Whereas, in October, he triumphed once again, winning the 2011 PGA Grand Slam tournament in Bermuda, and

Whereas, during his first year on the PGA Tour, he scored four top-ten finishes and was named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Keegan Bradley on winning the 2011 PGA Championship, the 2011 PGA Grand Slam, and being named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, and be it further

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