

No. R-201. House concurrent resolution congratulating Mikaela Shiffrin on her international alpine ski racing achievements.

(H.C.R.150)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, according to a recent profile in the *New York Times*, since she was seven years old and strove “to ski clean arcs in the snow,” Mikaela Shiffrin has been on course to become an internationally top-ranked alpine ski racer, and

Whereas, this personal goal is not surprising as her parents were both ski racers as is her brother who is now attending the University of Denver, and

Whereas, she learned the discipline of ski racing at New Hampshire’s small Storrs Hill near Hanover, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin has skied with the Burke Mountain Academy (BMA) ski racing program since age 11 and has attended BMA since she was in the eighth grade, and

Whereas, at age 14, Mikaela Shiffrin skied on an Italian race course where she won the de facto world championship race for 13- to 14-year-olds with a margin of more than three seconds, and

Whereas, at age 15, she made her first appearance in a World Cup ski race, and at age 16, she placed third in a World Cup race, stepping on to the winners’ podium for the first time, and

Whereas, in December 2012, Mikaela Shiffrin at the still young but now experienced age of 17 won her first World Cup victory on the slopes in Are, Sweden, and she followed this victory with a win at the prestigious Snow Queen race near Zagreb, Croatia, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin won the 2013 World Championship slalom in Austria and, most impressively, the World Cup slalom title in Lenzerheide, Switzerland and ultimately the season-long World Cup title for slalom competition, which was an extraordinary accomplishment, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin is only the second U.S. woman to win either a World Championship or an Olympic gold medal in slalom and the youngest U.S. alpine athlete since 1985 to win a World Championship gold medal, and

Whereas, through her string of amazing victories, Mikaela Shiffrin has remained a modest and down-to-earth teenager who, despite the travel and training time, is determined to graduate this June with her BMA class, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mikaela Shiffrin on her international alpine ski racing achievements, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mikaela Shiffrin at Burke Mountain Academy.