

No. R-317. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Mad River Glen ski area on its 65th anniversary.

(S.C.R.43)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

Whereas, on December 11, 1948, the first skier accelerated down the slope at Mad River Glen in Fayston, opening a unique chapter in Vermont downhill skiing, and

Whereas, Mad River Glen's founder, Roland Palmedo, stated that "a ski area is not just a place of business . . . but a winter community dedicated to the enjoyment of the sport," and

Whereas, this iconic ski area began with a single chair lift that came to symbolize the Mad River Glen challenge and special experience skiers cherish, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Sunnyside double chair lift debuted, increasing the skier carrying capacity, and

Whereas, Truxton Pratt purchased Mad River Glen in 1972, and upon his death in 1975, his wife, Betsy Pratt, assumed ownership and managerial responsibilities, and

Whereas, for the next two decades, Betsy Pratt oversaw Mad River Glen, making improvements in trails and support facilities, but always kept the ski area's traditions her primary focus, and

Whereas, the emerging sport of snowboarding was welcomed briefly in the late 1980s, but it was decided that the Mad River Glen experience was best preserved as a skiing-only resort, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen Cooperative was established on December 5, 1995, creating a new form of ownership, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen Cooperative sold its 1,667th ownership share in April 1998, finalizing the stipulation for 100 percent skier ownership, and

Whereas, on April 8, 2007, the original chair lift was retired, with fond memories, but a modernized duplicate is now in operation, and

Whereas, the Mad River Glen ski area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, December 11, 2013 marked the 65th anniversary of the Mad River Glen ski area, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mad River Glen ski area on its 65th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mad River Glen ski area.