

No. R-280. House concurrent resolution congratulating Sophie Caldwell of Peru on her first World Cup skiing victory.

(H.C.R.208)

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Komline of Dorset, McCullough of Williston, and Olsen of Londonderry

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell is descended from a distinguished skiing lineage, and

Whereas, her grandfather, John Caldwell, was an Olympic Nordic skier and wrote *The Cross Country Ski Book*, the first authoritative volume on the sport, and

Whereas, her father, Sverre Caldwell, Stratton Mountain School's Nordic Ski Program Director, was named the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's 2015 Cross Country Domestic Coach of the Year, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell, a graduate of Stratton Mountain School and Dartmouth College, is extending her family's skiing notoriety, and

Whereas, as a member of the 2014 U.S. Olympic ski team, she finished a respectable sixth in the skate sprint competition, and

Whereas, during the 2014–2015 World Cup Nordic skiing season, Sophie Caldwell earned her first podium placement by finishing third in the skate sprint race skied in Lahti, Finland, and concluded the season ranked eighth worldwide in the sprinting category, and

Whereas, these laudable achievements on Nordic ski courses were surpassed on January 5, 2016 in the World Cup's 1.2 kilometer classic sprint race held in Obertsdorf, Germany, and

Whereas, after placing third in the qualifying competition, Sophie Caldwell won the opening heat and placed second in the semifinals, and

Whereas, in the dramatic final round, Sophie Caldwell worked gradually to the front, executed a picture-perfect lunge at the finish line, and won, with an incredibly close 0.10–second margin over a Norwegian racer, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell's triumph was only the second U.S. woman's victory in a World Cup skiing race, and the first for an American skier in a classic sprint, and

Whereas, this win elevated her to third place in the Tour de Ski women's sprint standings and placed the U.S. women fourth overall, and

Whereas, Sophie Caldwell will long remember, with great pride, her historic World Cup win on January 5, 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sophie Caldwell of Peru on her first World Cup skiing victory, and be it further

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