

No. R-80. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary.

(S.C.R.5)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

Whereas, in the 1970s, Jack Nash and Warren Kitzmiller were among the founders of the Stowe Bike Club, helping to promote the sport of nonmotorized cycling in central Vermont, and

Whereas, when not pedaling their bicycles on Vermont's roadways, these two outdoor enthusiasts worked in the cycling and backpacking department of a store in Stowe, and

Whereas, in 1974, they decide to establish their own retail sporting goods store in Montpelier and opened Onion River Sports at the rear of Bear Pond Books, and

Whereas, they developed a reputation as savvy businessmen and their small space soon became inadequate, and

Whereas, in 1976, Onion River Sports relocated to its own facility at 20 Langdon Street where it introduced Nordic skis and accessories as this sport was becoming popular in Vermont, and

Whereas, the scope of Onion River Sports' operations soon expanded beyond sales to include the sponsorship of bicycling and Nordic skiing races as challenging, outdoor participatory opportunities for its customers, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, Warren Kitzmiller assumed sole ownership of the store, and in 1992, he hired Andrew Brewer as manager, and

Whereas, in 2000, Andrew Brewer purchased Onion River Sports and broadened his enterprise's Langdon Street presence with the opening of the Shoe Horn (since expanded and remodeled as the Shoe Horn Boutique) and Onion River Kids, and

Whereas, Onion River Sports' motto "Muscles Not Motors" is exercised through its continuing sponsorship of cross-country skiing, cycling, and running races, noncompetitive group rides and runs, and equipment workshops, and

Whereas, 2014 marked Onion River Sports 40th anniversary and a highlight of its yearlong celebration was a special commemorative anniversary day on June 28 with in-store promotions, a group bicycle ride, and a street dance party on Langdon Street, and

Whereas, Onion River Sports continues its mission of encouraging a healthy, adventurous, year-round outdoor lifestyle, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Onion River Sports.