

No. R-92. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Matt Lorman on his selection as 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner.

(S.C.R.14)

By Senators Flory, Collamore, and Mullin,

By Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, and Shaw of Pittsford,

Whereas, competitive cross country runners dedicate innumerable hours, regardless of the weather conditions, to pounding the roadways and trails in pursuit of a quicker pace and greater endurance, and

Whereas, Rutland High School sophomore Matt Lorman is an exciting runner on the high school cross country scene, and

Whereas, six years ago, Matt Lorman, then ten years of age, wearing untied high-top sneakers, entered his first race, covering a 10k (6.2 mile) course from Proctor to Rutland, and

Whereas, this novice and extremely young runner started the race with no expectation of a great result and, in fact, his parents, Jackie and Keith Lorman, riding in their car, shadowed him along the entire way, and

Whereas, perhaps to his amazement, Matt Lorman set a record that day, and the sport of running assumed a central place in his life, and

Whereas, since that eventful day, he has won many medals and ribbons and continues to set records, and

Whereas, although Matt Lorman did play football, he soon hung up his cleats, recognizing that running was his passion and that he desired to devote all of his athletic talent and strength to improving his status as a competitive runner, and

Whereas, news of his consistently speedy finishes on race courses has spread far beyond Vermont to the Down Under Sports organization in Utah that organizes groups of American athletes to compete in Australia, Hawaii, and New Zealand, and

Whereas, Down Under Sports has selected Matt Lorman as one of 200 young American runners to compete on its USA Cross Country team in July of 2015 in Australia, and

Whereas, Matt Lorman is now engaged in a vigorous regimen of physical training and a restricted diet, as well as fundraising in anticipation of traveling to Australia this July, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Matt Lorman on his selection as a 2015 Down Under Sports cross country runner, *and be it further*

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