

**No. R-289. House concurrent resolution congratulating Chloe Levins on her triumphs on the golf and biathlon courses.**

(H.C.R.216)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Eastman of Orwell, Fields of Bennington, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, to the casual observer, golf and biathlon are two seemingly dissimilar sports, and

Whereas, golf is a slow-paced game, in which quiet is essential for the players focusing on their pending swing, and

Whereas, in contrast, biathlon competition involves fast-paced skiing and the noisy firing of rifles, and

Whereas, despite the vastly different characteristics of these sports, Chloe Levins, a Rutland High School senior, has excelled at both, and

Whereas, Chloe Levins was the individual girls' golf State high school champion in 2013 and again in 2015, and

Whereas, while she is out on Vermont's green links during the spring sunshine, her winters are spent in more northerly climes, and

Whereas, at the recent USA Youth and Junior Biathlon Trails in Anchorage, Alaska, Chloe Levins won three events in the youth division, including the 6 kilometer sprint, the 7.5 kilometer sprint, and the 10 kilometer pursuit, and

Whereas, despite these stellar results, Chloe Levins considered the Alaskan course especially challenging because she encountered 40-mile-per-hour winds, and

Whereas, Chloe Levins's 2016 winter biathlon schedule also includes her representing the United States at the Youth and Junior World Championships in Romania from January 25 to February 2 and then at the Youth Olympic Games in Norway, later in February, and

Whereas, she explains the two sports' commonality is a need "to be very even and relaxed," and

Whereas, Chloe Levins is also an outstanding student, who in the fall of 2016 will follow her older siblings to Middlebury College, where she plans to join the golf team while still pursuing biathlon competition opportunities, and

Whereas, her remarkable athletic career, in combination with a strong academic record, are admirable achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chloe Levins on her triumphs on the golf and biathlon courses and wishes her every future success in her academic and athletic endeavors, and be it further

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