

No. R-387. House concurrent resolution honoring Griffin MacFadyen of Dover on his outstanding achievements on the slopes, in the classroom, and in the community.

(H.C.R.300)

Offered by: Representatives Sibilica of Dover and Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senator Balint

Whereas, be it on the snowy slopes or at other athletic venues, in the classroom, or as a community-spirited individual, Griffin MacFadyen, at 13 years of age, has reached great heights, both figuratively and literally, and

Whereas, his performance among the world's youngest competitive snowboarders is perhaps unparalleled, as he holds nine national titles or medals plus two international championships, and

Whereas, Griffin is the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association's (USASA) National Halfpipe champion in the 12–13 year old division, and he won this title as one of the youngest competitors, and

Whereas, oceans are no barriers to Griffin MacFadyen's participation in snowboarding competition, as he is the Australian Junior National Halfpipe and Slopestyle champion, and he won this designation when only 12 year old, despite this age group including snowboarders as old as 15, and

Whereas, Griffin MacFadyen was one of 10 halfpipe riders 14 years of age and under and from around the world invited to ride at the Burton U.S. Open Junior Jam, and

Whereas, having conquered all the snowboarding challenges intended for his age group, Griffin MacFadyen has opted to become the youngest competitor in the open class (unlimited ages) at the 2016 USAA Nationals, and

Whereas, as a student at the Dover School, he was honored twice as the baseball team's most valuable player, and in his first year playing soccer, he scored the most goals, and

Whereas, when Griffin MacFadyen graduated, as a sixth grader, from the Dover School, he was awarded the Presidential Youth Fitness Award and the President's Award for Educational Achievement, and

Whereas, he matriculated directly into eighth grade at the Stratton Mountain School where he has earned high honors, and

Whereas, in 2013, Griffin MacFadyen created a fundraising drive to help injured winter athletes through contributions to the High Fives Foundation (HFF), and his local effort has expanded into HFF's Winter Sports Ambassador Program, popularly known as Griff's Pledge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Griffin MacFadyen on his outstanding achievements on the slopes, in the classroom, and in the community, and be it further

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