

No. R-341. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodstock Stoners on winning the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel curling championship.

(S.C.R.21)

By Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka,

Whereas, the sport of curling entails players sliding stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area, and

Whereas, the U.S. men's curling team and its leader, John Shuster, recently won the United States' historic first curling gold medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics, giving the game a new national prominence, and

Whereas, closer to home, in 2008, the Woodstock Curling Club was established, and its enthusiastic members play as a team commonly referred to as the Woodstock Stoners, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Stoners, unlike most of their competitors, lacks a dedicated practice and playing facility, and the team must play all home games in ice hockey arenas that feature an irregular ice surface, and

Whereas, notwithstanding these challenges, the Woodstock Stoners bravely entered the Maine-iac 'Spiel curling tournament, held in Belfast, Maine, with teams from Maine, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, and Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the winner of the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel brings home the Larry the Lobster trophy that during the prior two years has resided in the Province of Quebec, and

Whereas, despite the seemingly insurmountable and far less favorable odds than those of John Shuster and the U.S. Olympic team's bringing home a gold medal, the Woodstock Stoners emerged victorious at the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Stoners proudly brought the Larry the Lobster trophy and its own lobster trap carrying case to Vermont for the first time, and

Whereas, the skilled curlers of the Woodstock Stoners are Bob Holt, Lisa Holt, Bruce Seely, and Phil Swanson, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodstock Stoners on winning the 2017 Maine-iac 'Spiel curling championship, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Woodstock Stoners.