

No. R-420. House concurrent resolution congratulating 2018 Winter Olympics gold medal winners Jessie Diggins, Amanda Pelkey, and Mikaela Shiffrin.

(H.C.R.346)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, although the sport of cross-country skiing has long been a centerpiece of Winter Olympics' lore, until 2018, no American women cross-country skiers had ever won a medal, be it gold, silver, or bronze, in this event, and

Whereas, in 2018, Jessie Diggins, who resides and trains in Stratton, was a member of a two-person cross-country ski team that corrected any false impressions of the sport's American competitors' skills, winning the gold medal in the women's team sprint freestyle, and she was especially honored to be named as the United States flag bearer for the closing ceremonies, and

Whereas, Montpelier's Amanda Pelkey is a University of Vermont graduate who set the school's women's ice hockey team's records for goals (49), assists (56), and points (105), and

Whereas, Amanda Pelkey was a member of the 2015–2016 National Women's Hockey League's Boston Pride that clinched the League's inaugural championship, and

Whereas, she was a proud member of the 2018 U.S. Olympic gold medal women's ice hockey team, the first in 20 years, that defeated Canada in a thrilling 3–2 overtime contest, reversing the outcomes of the 2010 and 2014 gold-medal games, and

Whereas, as a student at Burke Academy, Mikaela Shiffrin demonstrated her alpine skiing prowess in 2013, becoming the fourth youngest woman to win a World Cup title, the first American World Cup slalom champion since 1983, and has continued to excel in World Cup competition, and

Whereas, at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Mikaela Shiffrin won the gold medal in the women's slalom, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin was a medal favorite at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, and departed for home with both a gold medal in the women's giant slalom and a silver in the alpine combined competition, and

Whereas, these women were great representatives of Vermont and demonstrated why the Green Mountain State is a center of winter athletic competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2018 Winter Olympics' gold medal winners Jessie Diggins, Amanda Pelkey, and Mikaela Shiffrin, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of these Olympic gold medalists.