

No. R-135. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont-associated 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation World Championship medalists.

(H.C.R.109)

Offered by: Representatives Lipsky of Stowe, Branagan of Georgia, Cole of Hartford, Dolan of Waitsfield, LaBounty of Lyndon, Rice of Dorset, Sibilias of Dover, Torre of Moretown, and Williams of Granby

Whereas, the Vermont climate and terrain have enabled the Green Mountain State to play an incubating role in the history of North American skiing, and

Whereas, the 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS) World Championships held at Méribel, France (Alpine), Planica, Slovenia (Nordic), and Bakuriani, Georgia (snowboarding) proved a fantastic medal-winning opportunity for competitors who either were educated in Vermont or reside in the State, and

Whereas, Laurence St-Germain, (University of Vermont [UVM]) won the gold medal at the 2023 FIS World Championships, Canada's first slalom gold since 1960, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin (Burke Mountain Academy) increased her FIS World Championship medal tally to 14, a modern-era record, by earning her first gold medal in the FIS World Championship giant slalom and a silver medal in both the super-G and the slalom competitions, and

Whereas, two members of the gold-medal-winning U.S. Alpine mixed team parallel were Nina O'Brien (Burke Mountain Academy) and Paula Moltzan (UVM), and

Whereas, AJ Ginnis (Green Mountain Valley School) won a silver medal in the slalom, Greece's first-ever winter sports medal, and

Whereas, on the cross-country trails, Jessie Diggins won the gold medal in the women's 10K skate, the first individual World Championship gold medal for the U.S. team, and she and Julia Kern (both members of the SMS T2 Team, the elite program housed at the Stratton Mountain School) won the bronze medal for their joint effort in the freestyle team sprint, and

Whereas, at the FIS Snowboarding World Championships, Lindsey Jacobellis (Stratton Mountain School) secured a bronze medal in the women's snowboard cross event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont-associated 2023 International Ski and Snowboard Federation World Championship medalists, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each athlete honored in this resolution.