

No. R-289. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont-associated 2026 Winter Olympics medal winners.

(H.C.R.237)

Offered by All Members of the House

Whereas, the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics included a spectacular display of the athletic prowess of 24 Vermont-resident or Vermont-educated competitors, and six of them captured seven of the 33 U.S. medals, confirming the premier role Vermont continues to play in incubating U.S. Olympic skiers, and

Whereas, Ryan Cochran-Siegle of Starksboro, who attended the University of Vermont (UVM), repeated his 2022 silver medal in the alpine super-G, and completed the course merely 0.13 seconds behind the gold medalist, Franjo von Allmen of Switzerland, and he won his 2026 silver medal 54 years to the day that his mother, Barbara Ann Cochran, won the women's slalom gold medal at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and

Whereas, the world's top-ranked and most-decorated women's cross-country skier and founding member of the prestigious SMS T2 cross-country skiing team Jessie Diggins, competing in her final Olympics, added to her Olympic triumphs (2018–gold–sprint, 2022–silver–freestyle, and 2022–bronze–freestyle sprint) when she captured the bronze in the 10k skate, and

Whereas, second-time Olympian, Stratton Mountain School alumnus, and big air skier Mac Forehand, in an astounding display of skiing bravado and ingenuity, completed the first-ever “2160-degree nose-butter triple cork,” secured the silver medal in the big air competition, and exercised exemplary sportsmanship, when, by an extremely narrow margin, Norwegian Tormod Frostad was awarded the gold medal, and

Whereas, former Landgrove and now Richmond resident, Stratton Mountain School alum, UVM mechanical engineering graduate, two-time individual NCAA cross-country skiing champion, and member of the prestigious SMS T2 cross-country skiing team Ben Ogden skied in his second Olympics, and his performance in the cross-country sprint classic was breathtaking, as he narrowly finished in second place by one second, at 3:40, to the gold medalist, Norwegian Johannes Høsflot Klæbo, ending the 50-year American hiatus in men's cross-country skiing Olympic medaling, which Vermonter Bill Koch last achieved in 1976, and, as an added thrill, Ben Ogden earned a second silver medal, teaming with Gus Schumacher on the U.S. men's cross-country sprint freestyle team to win the first American medal in this event, and

Whereas, UVM alum and current Waitsfield resident Paula Moltzan was the first Junior World Championships women's slalom gold medalist, was the first UVM Catamount freshman to win the NCAA women's slalom title, and was twice named an NCAA First Team All-American; more recently, she performed superbly in World Cup slalom and giant slalom competitions; and, at the 2026 Winter Olympics, she earned her first Olympic medal, a bronze, skiing the slalom segment of the new women's team combined event, in partnership with her downhill teammate, Jackie Wiles, delighting students at the Green Mountain Valley School with whom she trains at Sugarbush, and

Whereas, Burke Academy alum Mikaela Shiffrin, the most decorated alpine skier in the sport's history and prior Olympian (2014–gold–slalom, 2018–gold–giant slalom, and 2018–silver–women's alpine combined), dominated the slalom to win the gold medal, marking a new milestone in her remarkable career on the slopes, and

Whereas, each of these Vermont-associated medalists magnificently represented our nation at the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont-associated 2026 Winter Olympics medal winners, *and be it further*

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