

No. R-314. House concurrent resolution congratulating Grant Montgomery on his dual State championship alpine skiing victories.

(H.C.R.256)

Offered by Representatives Luneau of St. Albans City, Bartley of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Laroche of Franklin, Oliver of Sheldon, and Walker of Swanton

Whereas, the absence of a varsity alpine skiing team at Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans has not deterred junior Grant Montgomery's competitive aspirations, and he arranged to train as an independent with Rice Memorial High School at Cochran's ski area, gaining the benefits of Rice Coach Bob Cochran's guidance and the experience of racing with the Rice team, and

Whereas, this unusual arrangement, in combination with racing alongside coaches from the Smugglers' Notch Ski and Snowboard Club, built a great foundation for Grant Montgomery to establish an enviable record of achievement during the 2025–2026 alpine ski racing season, and

Whereas, Grant Montgomery won nearly every race he entered, and his high expectations for strong performances at the season finale's district, State, and regional meets were exceeded, and

Whereas, at the start of this critical circuit, Grant Montgomery warmed up by capturing first place in both the giant slalom and slalom races at the northern district event at the Middlebury Snowbowl, and

Whereas, after only a few intervening days, Grant Montgomery headed to Burke Mountain Resort for the greater challenge of the two-day State championship, and

Whereas, in day one's giant slalom, he finished the first of the two runs in fourth place, and a strong second run gave him a combined time of 1:53:68, a narrow but decisive .22 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, and on day two at Burke, his two outstanding slalom runs scored a combined time of 1:29:24, a comfortable 3.72 seconds ahead of the runner-up, enabling him to clinch both individual titles and complete a double-header victory, and

Whereas, his superb 2026 winter on the slopes earned Grant Montgomery a coveted spot on Vermont's Eastern High School Championship alpine team, and at the Attitash Mountain Resort event in New Hampshire, the Vermonters were pleased with their overall fourth-place finish, and

Whereas, in recognition of his stupendous results at Burke Mountain, the *St. Albans Messenger* named him the newspaper's Athlete of the Week, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Grant Montgomery on his dual State championship alpine skiing victories, *and be it further*