

No. R-328. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team.

(H.C.R.270)

Offered by Representative Lipsky of Stowe

Offered by Senators Westman, Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, three words, Stowe High School, are the best description of the 2026 Vermont Principals' Association's boys' Nordic skiing championship tournament, conducted this past winter over two days at the Rikert Outdoor Center in Ripton, for the freestyle or skate competition, and concluding with a day of classic racing at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, and

Whereas, although the skiers competed for separate Division I and Division II honors, the boys from Stowe High School skied as if only one title was at stake, amazingly clinching first place among all skiers at both locations in the individual and relay races, a truly unusual feat of athletic prowess and skill, and

Whereas, in the Division II overall boys' scoring (reflecting that in Nordic skiing the lower score represents the superior performance) Stowe's 71 points far outdistanced second-place Peoples Academy, which tallied 145 points, and

Whereas, the deservedly proud Stowe boys' Nordic skiers were Heath Colbert-Lourie, Nico DeLena, Chris Graupe, Hawkley Mitchell, Dean Roy, Travis Roy, James Rozendaal, Paul Slesar, Henry Sterner, Soren Wilkens, and Charles Zimmerman, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Ethan Self began his new role in grand style and with great promise for the future, and

Whereas, an added bonus for four of the Stowe boys was their selection as members of the Vermont team at the 2026 NENSA Eastern High School Championships, skied at Gore Mountain Nordic Center in North Creek, New York, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Stowe High School Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stowe High School.