

No. R-345. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ella Palisano on setting a new Vermont girls' indoor track and field high jump record and extending best wishes for her college athletic career at the Ohio State University.

(H.C.R.287)

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, the high jump athletic event, popular among athletes and spectators, originated in Scotland in the 19th century, and

Whereas, competitors are challenged to “jump unaided over a four-meter-long horizontal bar placed at [a] predetermined height without dislodging it,” and

Whereas, since 2023, in Vermont interscholastic indoor varsity competition, Ella Palisano of Mt. Anthony Union High School, the Gatorade 2024–2025 Player of the Year in Vermont girls' track and field, has held the girls' indoor high jump record at five feet, seven inches, achieving this mark as a ninth grader, and

Whereas, the 2026 Vermont indoor track and field championship, held on January 10 at the University of Vermont, was the final opportunity for senior Ella Palisano to surpass her own lofty athletic achievement, and

Whereas, with much preparation and concentration, Ella Palisano outshined her 2023 performance, establishing a new record of five feet, nine inches, and

Whereas, she credits the coaching staff at Mt. Anthony, especially Head Track and Field Coach Paul Redding, for mentoring her since her freshman year, as well as the supportive Vermont track and field community, and

Whereas, this fall, Ella Palisano will commence a new track and field adventure as a student-athlete at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ella Palisano on setting a new Vermont girls' indoor track and field high jump record and extends best wishes for her college athletic career at the Ohio State University, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ella Palisano.