

No. R-304. House concurrent resolution extending congratulations and best wishes for success to the Vermonters selected to represent the United States at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

(H.C.R.221)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, will feature premier athletes from around the world, and

Whereas, on the snowy slopes and trails or on icy surfaces, 230 extraordinary Americans will represent our nation with pride as members of the U.S. Olympic Team, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of the nation's centers for winter athletic competition, and it is not surprising that 16 athletes with close ties to the Green Mountain State are members of this impressive team, and

Whereas, this number of Vermont participants far exceeds the State's percentage of the national population, and

Whereas, those Vermont athletes selected for membership on the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic team are Sophie Caldwell of Peru, debuting in cross-country skiing; Kelly Clark, a Dover native, who won gold in 2002 and bronze in 2010 in the snowboard halfpipe; Alex Diebold, who grew up in Manchester Center, debuting in snowboard cross; Jessica Diggins of Stratton, debuting in cross-country skiing; Hannah Dreissigacker of Craftsbury, debuting on the women's biathlon team; Susan Dunklee of Craftsbury, debuting on the women's biathlon team; Lindsey Jacobellis of Stratton, who won silver in 2006 in snowboard cross; Nolan Kasper of Warren, a 2010 slalom skier, competing in Alpine skiing; Hannah Kearney of Norwich, who won gold in 2010 in the moguls; Devin Logan of West Dover, debuting in freestyle skiing; Andy Newell of Weston, a 2006 and 2010 cross-country skiing veteran; Ida Sargent of Orleans, debuting in cross-country skiing; Mikaela Shiffrin, a 2013 Burke Mountain Academy graduate, debuting in Alpine skiing; Liz Stephen of East Montpelier, a 2010 cross-country skiing veteran; Hannah Teter of Belmont, who won gold in 2006 and silver in 2010 in snowboard halfpipe; and Ty Walker of Stowe, debuting in snowboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends congratulations and best wishes for success to the Vermonters selected to represent the United States at the 2014 Winter Olympics, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermonters on the U.S. Olympic Team in Sochi, Russia.