

No. R-94. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning a second consecutive Division I boys Nordic skiing championship.

(H.C.R.75)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, having sped across the snowy trails in 2022 to clinch the Division I crown, the Mt. Anthony Patriots fastened their skis desiring to repeat their prior year's victory, and

Whereas, in 2023, in both the first day's freestyle round skied at Craftsbury and in the following week's classic competition held at the Rikert Outdoor Center in Ripton, the Patriot skiers, whether veteran team members or newcomers, proved the dominant contenders in the Division I boys' competition, and

Whereas, in the individual freestyle race, the Patriots clinched first place and two other top ten slots; at the classic individual event, they secured the top three placements; and both days' relay events were Patriot victories, resulting in Mt. Anthony convincingly outscoring second-place Mt. Mansfield 58–106 for a second consecutive Division I title, and

Whereas, the swift Patriot skiers were Luke Rizio, Riley Thurber, Peter McKenna, Finnegan Payne, Silas Rella-Neill, Collin Bevin, Chase Gauthier, Henry Morrison, David Lafontaine, Holden Morrison, and Tyler DeBoer, and

Whereas, Head Coach Rob Short and Assistant Coach Mackenzie Rizio were great instructors, and

Whereas, in response to this thrilling victory, on the Patriots return from Middlebury, a fleet of fire, police and rescue vehicles escorted the team members and coaches through the downtown area, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning a second consecutive Division I boys Nordic skiing championship, and be it further

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