

No. R-162. House concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine Suzanne Bove on winning one gold medal and one bronze medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

(H.C.R.136)

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Squirrell of Underhill, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, as a Special Olympian, Kate Bove is part of an international movement that demonstrates that persons with intellectual disabilities can derive enormous satisfaction through participation in competitive sports, and

Whereas, the premier Special Olympians are privileged to participate in the Special Olympics World Games, which in 2019 were held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and

Whereas, the theme for this year's Special Olympics World Games was "Meet the Determined," and

Whereas, Kate Bove joined Special Olympics 25 years ago, when she moved to Vermont at five years of age, and

Whereas, she is an ardent swimmer who practices four times a week at The Edge's swimming pool in Essex, and

Whereas, the level of proficiency that Kate Bove has achieved as a swimmer earned her an invitation to be the sole Vermont competitor at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games, and

Whereas, her thrilling swims in the Handan Sports Center pool started on March 13 with a qualifying victory in the 50-meter breaststroke and a winning time of 01:29.49, and

Whereas, on March 17, Kate Bove stood on the gold medal podium, after outpacing all of her competitors in the 50-meter breaststroke finals, finishing with a medal-winning time of 01:33.14, and

Whereas, to conclude her medal-winning odyssey, on March 19, Kate Bove swam a strong race in the 100-meter freestyle, clinching a bronze medal with a time of 02:08.53, and

Whereas, Kate Bove epitomizes the Special Olympics at their very best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine Suzanne Bove on winning one gold medal and one bronze medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and be it further

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