

No. R-212. House concurrent resolution congratulating Erlon (Bucky) Broomhall on his induction into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame.

(H.C.R.148)

Offered by: Representatives Mook of Bennington and Miller of Shaftsbury

Whereas, the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in all aspects of the sport of skiing in this state, and

Whereas, Erlon (Bucky) Broomhall's coaching, organizational, and promotional skills laid the groundwork for the Nordic skiing opportunities that are available today in Vermont's schools and through community organizations, and

Whereas, as a college student in the 1950s, he raced for Western State College in Colorado and was instrumental in his team's winning two consecutive collegiate Nordic ski championships in 1956 and 1957, and

Whereas, although he was a superb Nordic skier in Colorado, his enduring legacy to the sport, especially in Vermont, occurred after his competitive days on the ski course had concluded, and

Whereas, Bucky Broomhall was coaching in Maine when he was recruited to relocate to Vermont in order to establish a Nordic skiing program at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, and

Whereas, his success was remarkable, as Mount Anthony Union High School won multiple state championships, and

Whereas, the popularity of Nordic skiing at Mount Anthony prompted interest in the sport at other high schools in Vermont, and

Whereas, before Title IX of the federal Civil Rights Act required girls to be afforded an equal opportunity for athletic competition in schools, Bucky Broomhall established a girls' Nordic team at Mount Anthony, and

Whereas, beyond the school venue, Bucky Broomhall was an important leader in the development of the Bill Koch Nordic ski program for youngsters in Vermont, and

Whereas, when he was nominated for induction into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame, a number of his former skiers, including Olympian Andy Newall, wrote enthusiastic endorsements of his nomination, and

Whereas, Bucky Broomhall was both stunned and thrilled to learn that he is to be honored as a new member of the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame, and he will be formally inducted this October at a ceremony in Middlebury, and

Whereas, Bucky Broomhall epitomizes the highest values of amateur athletic competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Erlon (Bucky) Broomhall on his induction into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Erlon (Bucky) Broomhall in Shaftsbury.