

No. R-188. House concurrent resolution congratulating Helmut Lenes on being named the 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.

(H.C.R.150)

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne, Batchelor of Derby, Browning of Arlington, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Hooper of Brookfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Miller of Shaftsbury, Myers of Essex, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame (VSHF) was established to recognize those individuals whose achievements and efforts have enhanced sports, athletics, and recreation in the Green Mountain State, and

Whereas, selection for membership in the august institution is reserved for persons “judged to have brought lasting fame to Vermont” and whose “accomplishments in sports and recreation ... generate a great source of pride to the State,” and

Whereas, the VSHF honors Helmut Lenes as its 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee in recognition of his “contributions as a business leader in exceptional promotion and development of sports, athletics and recreation in the state of Vermont,” and

Whereas, Helmut Lenes was a respected mountain guide and ski instructor in his native Austria, and

Whereas, in 1968, Helmut Lenes moved to Vermont and subsequently established the Climb High retail store, specializing in mountain and rock climbing and other outdoor sports, and

Whereas, an unusual feature that Helmut Lenes introduced at Climb High was a 28-foot rock climbing wall that he made available for public use at no charge and the store also offered free rock climbing classes, and

Whereas, Helmut Lenes’s own climbing accomplishments are worthy of special praise as he twice summited Denali, North America’s highest peak; ascended to the top of the Himalayas; and reached the summits of major European mountains, including setting a one-day record for reaching the top of the North Face of the Eiger in Switzerland, a dangerous 13,000-foot vertical climb of a mountain that has been characterized as the most notorious in the world, and

Whereas, through his leadership at Climb High, Helmut Lenes invigorated mountaineering in Vermont and displayed outstanding entrepreneurship, and the VSHF induction ceremony will occur in South Burlington on April 22, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Helmut Lenes on being named the 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

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