

**No. R-478. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, our nation's alpine soldiers.**

(S.C.R.63)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

*Whereas*, in 1939, skiing Finnish troops defeated two tank divisions of invading Soviet forces, and

*Whereas*, this unique military victory persuaded National Ski Patrol President Charles Dole that U.S. troops needed specialized alpine training for mountain warfare, and

*Whereas*, Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall agreed, and in December 1941, the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion, subsequently redesignated the 10th Mountain Division, was established, and

*Whereas*, in 1945, during the closing months of World War II, the 10th Mountain Division fought bravely in the Apennine Mountains of Italy, and although the Division lost 999 men in combat, it helped capture German-held territory that other Allied units had not been able to claim, and

*Whereas*, the 10th Mountain Division was deactivated in 1958, reactivated in 1985, and is now headquartered at Fort Drum, New York, and

*Whereas*, the reactivated 10th Mountain Division has been deployed in Iraq, Bosnia, and Somalia, and was the first, and will probably be the last, American military unit in Afghanistan, and

*Whereas*, on the weekend of January 25–26, 2014, the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc. held its first Eastern Gathering at Sugarbush Resort's Mt. Ellen Lodge, in Fayston, and

*Whereas*, the event was dedicated to Jared C. Monti, a 10th Mountain Division member, who was killed in 2006 on an 8,000-foot mountain as he remained with an injured fellow soldier despite enemy fire, and

*Whereas*, in 2009, posthumously, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, and

*Whereas*, the weekend also included the showing of Warren Miller's film *Climb to Glory*, relating the 10th Mountain Division's impact on the early days of the skiing industry, and

*Whereas*, this film is especially pertinent as Jack Murphy, a cofounder of the Sugarbush Resort, was a 10th Mountain Division veteran, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly commemorates the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, our nation's alpine soldiers, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, to the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc., and to the Sugarbush Resort.