

**No. R-462. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2012 Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team.**

(H.C.R.355)

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, despite the minimal snowfall during the winter of 2012, Nordic skiing, a sport that thousands of Vermonters enjoy, continued to flourish, and competitive high school races were no exception, and

Whereas, all of the many wintry days these young Nordic skiers accelerated and glided across meadows and through wooded terrain served as preparation for the state championship meet, and

Whereas, this capstone of the secondary Nordic skiing season is a two-day event, and

Whereas, in 2012, the opening free-style day was skied at Jericho and the second championship determining day of classic competition took place at Grafton Ponds, and

Whereas, in Division I girls' competition, the classic events consist of individual racing in the morning followed by a team relay in the afternoon, and

Whereas, the CVU girls excelled as individuals, exhibiting both speed and comfort on the course, and

Whereas, a Redhawk proved the fastest, as a CVU skier crossed the finish line first with a time of 20 minutes and 18.58 seconds, and

Whereas, her teammates were not far behind, as the Redhawks captured six of the top 15 finishing slots including third and sixth, and

Whereas, in the afternoon, the CVU girls proved that they are equally proficient skiing as a team, as the Redhawks won the relay competition, and

Whereas, these combined great performances on the course totaled a mere 54 points, giving CVU an overwhelming overall lead and the 2012 Division I girls' Nordic championship, as the Redhawks topped their nearest rival Mount Anthony, which earned 141 points and second-place honors, and

Whereas, this wonderful team of CVU Nordic skiers who raced gracefully and successfully included Sienna Searles, Taylor Spillane, Autumn Eastman, Cally Braun, Kathryn Maitland, Emma Hamilton, Kayla Servin, Ellie Stone, and Isabelle Unger, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sarah Strack and Assistant Coaches James Donegan and Eli Enman were an inspiration for the team and skillfully mentored the skiers throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2012 Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team, and be it further

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