

No. R-122. House concurrent resolution congratulating Krystal Smith on winning the 25th Annual U.S. Best Bagger National Championship.

(H.C.R.84)

Offered by: Representatives Larson of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Andrews of Rutland City, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Royalton, Canfield of Fair Haven, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Shand of Weathersfield, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senator Snelling

Whereas, Krystal Smith of Burlington began her career as a Hannaford supermarket associate in 2002 and works as a bagger on the checkout lines at the Hannaford supermarket located on North Avenue in Burlington, and

Whereas, among her colleagues, her bagging skills have become legendary, and she was encouraged to enter the National Grocers Association's U.S. Best Bagger National competition, and

Whereas, this contest rigorously tests the entrants' grocery bagging skills at state and regional competitions, and the regional winners then proceed to the U.S. Best Bagger National Championship held at the Mirage Hotel in Las

Vegas, Nevada during the National Grocers Association Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Show, and

Whereas, at each level of competition, the participants must bag a combination of bread, milk, eggs, and canned and packaged goods, and

Whereas, the criteria on which the baggers are judged include speed, bag-building technique, weight distribution, style, attitude, and appearance, and

Whereas, the 21 competing finalists in Las Vegas represented the most skilled grocery baggers in the United States, and

Whereas, when the final bag was filled and the judges finished tallying their results, Krystal Smith, who filled three grocery bags in 38 seconds, was declared the grand prize winner and America's Best Bagger, and

Whereas, Krystal won a \$10,000.00 cash prize and the Golden Grocery Bag trophy, and a golden checkout aisle will be installed at the North Avenue Hannaford store in Burlington, and

Whereas, an additional exciting event for Krystal Smith was her February 16 appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman on the CBS television network, and

Whereas, her colleagues and supervisors at Hannaford in Burlington were thrilled Krystal Smith brought this coveted award home to Vermont and their supermarket, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Krystal Smith on winning the 25th Annual U.S. Best Bagger National Championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Krystal Smith and to the Hannaford supermarket in Burlington.