

**No. R-151. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Northfield Junior Rifle team on completing a memorable and successful 2022–2023 competitive season.**

(H.C.R.118)

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, among the many clubs in the Vermont State Rifle & Pistol Association, the Northfield Junior Rifle Club is the last school-associated rifle team in Vermont, and its membership is composed of students as young as seventh graders, predominantly female, and

Whereas, these youngsters learn critical safety rules and the importance of focusing when practicing or competing on a shooting range, and

Whereas, team members must travel to New Hampshire for competitions, but this logistical reality did not hinder their superb performance during the 2022–2023 season, which included clinching the meet championship in Hudson, New Hampshire, where Northfield team members individually won one gold in the junior classification, one gold in the sub-junior division, one gold in the intermediate junior category, and one overall bronze, and

Whereas, as a result of the team’s victory in Hudson, New Hampshire, it earned a berth at the 2023 Junior Rifle Olympics held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a thrilling new stratum of competition for the entire team, and

Whereas, despite encountering older and more experienced teams, the Vermonters represented the Green Mountain State honorably and with distinction, proudly achieving many personal-best scores, and

Whereas, these skilled young athletes (and the length of time they’ve been team members) are Taylor Baroffio (nine years), Sophia Ashford (five years), Abby Demas (two years), Hailey DeLary (two years), Savanna Larkin (eight months), Luke Larkin (eight months), Lindsey Cross (eight months), and Henry Brown (eight months), and their superb head coach, Bruce Baroffio, was thrilled, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Northfield Junior Rifle team on completing a memorable and successful 2022–2023 competitive season, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northfield Junior Rifle Club.