

No. R-209. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ben Morehouse of Concord on completing a winter season dogsled ascent of Mount Washington.

(H.C.R.155)

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Ben Morehouse of Concord is an avid dogsledder and the proprietor of the Mutt Mountain Dog Sledding kennel, and

Whereas, dogsledding teams have previously ascended Mount Washington, New England's highest peak, but his is the only documented completion of this feat during the winter season, and

Whereas, Ben Morehouse was convinced that his team of eight Alaskan Huskies, including Trucker, Jewells, Zoey, Porter, Tug, Friday, Timber, and McJagger, were up to this formidable challenge, and

Whereas, the Mutt Mountain Alaskan Huskies are carefully trained dogs capable of running 100 miles per day and deserving of the description "athletes on four legs," and

Whereas, to qualify for this winter season distinction, the ascent needed to be completed by 6:45 p.m. on March 20, 2015, the moment of the spring equinox, but, seeking the best possible weather, Ben Morehouse waited till the latest possible date in March, and

Whereas, with these calendar and meteorological factors in mind, Ben Morehouse and his team left from the Mutt Mountain Dog Sledding kennel on March 18 and traveled by dogsled to the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road, and

Whereas, after two extended breaks, the team arrived at the Mount Washington Auto Road base at 2 p.m. on March 19, but, unfortunately, the lead dog, Trucker, had developed a severe abscess in his forehead, and

Whereas, following an emergency truck trip back to Concord for the entire team, Trucker was cleared to resume his adventure, and the team arrived again at the base of Mount Washington Auto Road at noon on March 20, and

Whereas, the Mutt Mountaineers ascended to the Mount Washington summit, without incident, in the rapid time of one hour and 40 minutes, and

Whereas, during the descent, Ben Morehouse was forced to flip the sled at a dangerous switchback, and both were dragged approximately 100 feet, and

Whereas, the sled was repositioned, and at 3 p.m., Ben Morehouse and his Mutt Mountaineers returned triumphantly to the mountain's base, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ben Morehouse and the Mutt Mountain dogsledding team of Concord on completing a winter season dog sled ascent of Mount Washington, and be it further

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