

No. R-419. House concurrent resolution congratulating Stratton Mountain Ski Resort on its golden anniversary.

(H.C.R.237)

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Greshin of Warren, Komline of Dorset, Scheuermann of Stowe and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, Stratton Mountain Ski Resort was conceived when ski instructor Robert “Rainbow” Wright convinced Fairfield, Connecticut businessman and passionate skier Frank Snyder that a ski resort would be ideal on this Windham County peak called Stratton, and

Whereas, Frank Snyder was joined by three other early supporters and Stratton’s Founding Fathers, Herbert O. “Tink” Smith; South Londonderry business owner, Brattleboro attorney A. Luke Crispe; and Windham County Senator Edward G. Janeway, and in addition, supporters included Nobel Laureate and Winhall resident, Pearl S. Buck, and

Whereas, in 1960, Stratton was incorporated in Vermont, and a plan to sell \$5.00 shares in blocks of 1,000 was devised in conjunction with a limited partnership arrangement, featuring lifetime ski passes and options for purchasing land for ski chalets, and

Whereas, respected architect Alexander “Sandy” McIlvaine designed the base lodge modeled on a 17th century Austrian structure known as Jakober House, and

Whereas, Olympic skier Gene Gillis completed the design of the original 10 trails and introduced the developers to Emo Henrich who founded the Stratton

Ski School and the Stratton Mountain Boys, a music ensemble dedicated to popular Austrian music, and

Whereas, Stratton Mountain Ski Resort proudly welcomed its first skier on December 23, 1961, and

Whereas, in 1962, with the help and leadership of Senator Edward Janeway, the General Assembly appropriated over one-quarter of a million dollars for construction of Stratton's four-mile Access Road, and

Whereas, Stratton Mountain's exciting and eventful one-half century is colorfully documented in displays of the Stratton Archives Collection in the 50th Anniversary Studio designed by Anniversary Chair, Kimet Hand; the resort's photographer, Hubert Schriebl, has created a commemorative book, *Fifty Years at Stratton: A Visual History*; and the Stratton Foundation now supports worthy community organizations, and

Whereas, Stratton's 2011–2012 golden anniversary season will be filled with special commemorations that will be memorable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sky Foulkes, president of Stratton Mountain Ski Resort and the Stratton Foundation, and the entire team at Stratton on the resort's golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stratton Mountain Ski Resort.