

No. R-431. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodford SnoBusters snowmobile club on its silver anniversary.

(H.C.R.309)

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Morrissey of Bennington, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Olsen of Jamaica and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, over the past quarter century, snowmobiling has become an extremely popular winter recreational activity in Vermont, and

Whereas, at 2,300 feet, Woodford has one of the highest elevations in Vermont and receives ample snow for snowmobiling, and

Whereas, given its snowy and forested terrain, it was nearly inevitable that a snowmobile club would be established in Woodford, and

Whereas, in September 1984, the Woodford SnoBusters was established on the front porch of Joy and Jack McKenna's home, and

Whereas, Joy McKenna served as the club's first president while her husband, Jack, was the original trailmaster, John Fiori was vice president, Peter Daigle took minutes as the secretary, and Doris Lemieoux kept a watchful eye on club's finances in her role as treasurer, and

Whereas, the initial trail grooming was accomplished with snowmobiles and pipe drags, and

Whereas, the members pooled their money and purchased the club's first groomer, a small track machine known as a Bombi, as well as a drag to supplement the Bombi's work, and

Whereas, within a couple of years, the club's grooming equipment proceeded through a series of upgrades, starting with the purchase of one, and then a second, LMC machine, and

Whereas, in time, the SnoBusters acquired a Tucker Sno-Cat, and the club ultimately established a top quality grooming fleet, consisting of several Pisten Bullys and a high-end trail groomer, and

Whereas, the popularity of the Woodford SnoBusters' trail system is most importantly a testament to the thorough work its many volunteers perform maintaining the trail system, as well as the great local snow fall and easy accessibility from the large population centers in southern New England and nearby New York state, and

Whereas, the club annually hosts its Very Special People Ride for snowmobiling enthusiasts who might not otherwise be able to participate in this popular Vermont pastime, and

Whereas, the Woodford SnoBusters, which recently celebrated 25 years in operation and continues to thrive, is now Vermont's largest VAST-affiliated snowmobile club, and serves as a model for other local clubs that belong to the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodford SnoBusters on its silver anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Woodford SnoBusters' President Mark Tilley.