

No. R-384. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Kelly Clark on her snowboarding triumphs at the 2010 Winter Olympics and the United States Open.

(S.C.R.45)

By Senators Shumlin and White,

By Representatives Moran of Wardsboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Milkey of Brattleboro, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Donnell of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica and Partridge of Windham,

Whereas, Kelly Clark is a Vermont snowboarder who has thrilled spectators with her exceptional agility, command, and skill in executing intricate maneuvers on the halfpipe, and

Whereas, when she won the halfpipe snowboarding gold medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, she surpassed all of her competitors, and

Whereas, at the 2010 Winter Olympics in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Kelly Clark attached her snowboard to her boots in pursuit of a new moment of Olympic glory, and

Whereas, the Olympic competition featured falls and difficult landings in a sport that involves experimentation and an inherent degree of calculated risk, and

Whereas, despite Kelly Clark's not repeating as a gold medalist, she represented Vermont well, standing on the winners' platform wearing a new silver medal around her neck, and

Whereas, Kelly Clark's triumphs on her halfpipe snowboard have not been limited to Olympic venues, and

Whereas, at the 2010 United States Open, held in her own backyard at Stratton Mountain, Kelly Clark scored 94.17 points in her opening run that started with a huge frontside air, and along the way featured other key halfpipe moves including a backside 540 mute grab, a frontside 720, a cab 720 mute, and finally a frontside corked 900, and

Whereas, Kelly Clark's superb first run set a standard that none of the other women snowboarders could match, and she was declared the 2010 United States Open women's halfpipe champion, and

Whereas, this sweet victory was historic, as Kelly Clark became the first woman to win four United States Open halfpipe titles, and

Whereas, the United States Post Office in Kelly Clark's home community of West Dover is honoring her athletic feats with a special commemorative postmark, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kelly Clark on her snowboarding triumphs at the 2010 Winter Olympics and the United States Open, *and be it further*

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