

No. R-199. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments.

(S.C.R.22)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representative Klein of East Montpelier,

Whereas, at nine years of age, Emily Packard raced in a cadet kart on a track in Barre and discovered her passion for motor car racing, and

Whereas, during the following two seasons, she won cadet kart championships and then felt prepared to drive more advanced racing cars, and

Whereas, in 2011, she won three races driving an Allison Legacy car, and

Whereas, in 2012, though only 15 years of age, Emily Packard was racing the entire season at Vermont's premier road racing track, Thunder Road, and

Whereas, in 2013, her first complete Thunder Road season was impressive in both the Late Model and Street Stock divisions, and at its conclusion, Emily was invited to compete in the track's season finale activities embodying Thunder Road's reputation as the Nation's Site of Excitement, and

Whereas, in recognition of her 2012 achievements, Vermont Motorsports Magazine named her its Rookie of the Year, as did the Canaan Fair Speedway, and

Whereas, 2014 was a banner season for Emily Packard and included her second-place finish on July 4th in the Coca-Cola Firecracker 100 at Rutland's Devil's Bowl Speedway, and

Whereas, on the following Friday night, July 11, she set two records at the Devil's Bowl when, at 17 years of age, she became the youngest driver to win a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series event in the Late Model Division, and

Whereas, she was also the first woman to win in this motor racing division, and

Whereas, Emily Packard is a senior at U-32 High School in East Montpelier and anticipates an exciting future in motor racing, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments, *and be it further*

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