

H. Res. 340

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 6, 2002.

Whereas John “Jack” Amos Shea was born September 7, 1910, in Lake Placid, New York, a village in the Adirondack Mountains;

Whereas Shea was the son of James Shea, a New York State Assemblyman, and Grace Shea;

Whereas at the age of 3 Jack began ice skating and by the age of 10 he was competing in speed skating;

Whereas Shea was the North American speed skating champion in 1929 and 1930;

Whereas at the age of 21 Shea entered the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, during which he won the gold medal in speed skating for both the 500 meter and the 1,500 meter events;

Whereas Shea was elected to the Speed Skating Hall of Fame, was among the first group of honorees elected to the Lake Placid Hall of Fame, and received numerous other honors from the speed skating community;

Whereas after graduating from Dartmouth College with a degree in political science, Shea served as the town justice of North Elba, New York, from 1958 to 1974, after which he became the town supervisor until his retirement in 1983;

Whereas Shea was a member of the Executive Committee of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee;

Whereas in 1982 Shea was appointed to serve as vice chairman of the Olympic Regional Development Authority;

Whereas Shea was a loving husband to his wife of 67 years, Elizabeth Steams Shea, and had 4 sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Shea's son Jim competed in the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, and his grandson Jim Jr. will compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes and honors Jack Shea, Olympic gold medalist in speed skating, for his many contributions to the Nation and to his community throughout his life, and for transcending the sport of speed skating and becoming a symbol of athletic talent and a role model as a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and

(2) extends its deepest condolences to the family of Jack Shea and to the Olympic community on their loss.

Attest:

Clerk.