CU regents pass measure congratulating Buffs' champion ski team

Regents take note of team's high academic achievements

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AURORA -- The University of Colorado regents praised the Buffs' ski team for winning the NCAA championship this year while also consistently maintaining high academic standards.

"You guys all made us really proud," said CU President Bruce Benson. The regents, at their board meeting on the Anschutz Medical Campus, passed a resolution Thursday to honor the team.

The board also recognized the ski team for dedicating its winning season to Spencer Nelson, a ski team member who died in a hiking accident last summer near Aspen. Regents also congratulated the team on maintaining high academic standards.

Under head coach Richard Rokos, the graduation rate over 21 season is more than 95 percent. And 11 team members made the NCAA Skiing All-Academic Team, with the qualifications being a grade point average of 3.5 or better and participation in the NCAA regionals.

"Thank you for holding such high standards," Regent Kyle Hybl told Rokos.

The Buffs won the national title in the competition that took place March 9-12 in Vermont.

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