

No. R-183. House concurrent resolution honoring the career and community service of Dr. Walter J. Griffiths of Bellows Falls.

(H.C.R.131)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Dr. Walter Griffiths earned his medical degree at the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York and completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, and

Whereas, his wife, Eileen, and he arrived in Bellows Falls in July 1974, and he established a medical practice at the Hospital Professional Offices, and

Whereas, this newly arrived physician soon became affectionately known as Dr. Wally within months of starting his Vermont medical practice, and

Whereas, Dr. Wally has provided medical services to a broad age spectrum of local residents, serving for over two decades as the Bellows Falls Union High School football team doctor, and, in recognition of his many older patients, earning board certification in geriatric medicine from the Dartmouth Medical School in 1988, and

Whereas, in a reverse educational direction, Dr. Walter Griffiths mentored Dartmouth Medical School students, and

Whereas, on the top of Griswold Drive in Bellows Falls, Dr. Wally developed a conservation tree farm, including a series of hiking trails which are open to the public, and

Whereas, for 20 years, a Halloween tradition in Bellows Falls was for youngsters to visit Dr. Wally's home which he outfitted as a haunted house for the children's enjoyment, and

Whereas, in the business sector, he sat for a decade on the Bellows Falls Trust Company's Board of Directors, and

Whereas, for 35 years, his fraternal association has been as a member of the Bellows Falls Elks, and

Whereas, a New Zealand organization similar to Doctors Without Borders benefited from Dr. Walter Griffiths' professional expertise during his visits to that nation, where he gave respite relief to physicians in small rural towns, and

Whereas, this much beloved doctor whose kindness, consideration, and, of course, expert medical care have all meant so much to the residents of the Bellows Falls area will be retiring in June 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the career and community service of Dr. Walter J. Griffiths of Bellows Falls, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Wally in Bellows Falls.